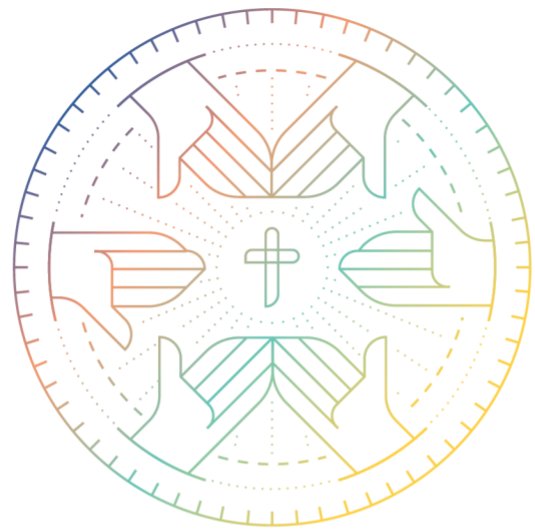


# Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

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## ICEBREAKER

Which of the four sermons on relationships did you find most meaningful? Was there one takeaway that changed your thinking or perspective, challenged you to behave differently, or helped you to address a relationship problem?

OR

Who was your best friend growing up? Were there any elements of that relationship which were similar to a covenant relationship, i.e. devotion, binding promises, daily connection?

## INTRODUCTION

**Read Colossians 3:12-17.**

What most stood out to you from this week's sermon?

What are some of the symbols of our Covenant with God through our faith in Jesus Christ?

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Ephesians 1:3-10.** What ideas or truths in this passage support David's three realities of the Covenant: 1) God chose you to be in a relationship with Him 2) God makes you holy 3) God is very pleased with you.

How does this passage encourage you today?

**Read Luke 22:19-20 and 2 Corinthians 3:5-6.** The word "covenant" appears 316 times in the Bible. In what ways can we daily fulfill our role as covenant keepers?

**Read Colossians 3:13-14, Luke 6:36, Matthew 11:29, and 1 Corinthians 13:4.** How does the list of five "Starters" compare to the two "Covenant Requirements"? Why do you think David said that the two "Covenant Requirements" are the most important for us to live out in all our relationships? Why are these requirements so difficult for us to practice?

**Read Colossians 3:17.** If we put this command into daily practice, how will that impact our life? What's one area of life where you do this well? One area where you don't do this well?

## APPLICATION

What aspect of David's message are you going to focus on this week?

How might it change your daily experience of God and faith if you reminded yourself each day of the Covenant God has made with you through Jesus Christ? In what ways should our Covenant impact our everyday life?

**DAILY THIS WEEK** (Choose one of the following to practice each day this week)

Write the following truth on a card or someplace where you can see it daily: "My life is anchored in your Covenant of unfailing love."

Choose one relationship currently in your life and consider how you can help that relationship to become healthier by practicing one of the "Starters" or "Covenant Requirements" this week.

Notice someone around you who is going through a tough time and intentionally encourage them with compassion. God has shown compassion for your weaknesses, so be willing to show compassion to someone around you.

Rehearse before your day the ways you will be wearing your identity as a Covenant Keeper in everything you will do: work, relationships, attitude, etc.

## PRAYER

*Our Heavenly Father, thank you for your great love for us. You care not only about us, but about our relationships. You welcome us into your presence and offer to us a covenant of love through your Son, Jesus Christ. You challenge us to let that covenant flow through all our life roles and responsibilities, our work, our family, and our relationships. We worship you, today. We love you. Amen.*