

Session 5

Read: Chapters 19-22

Opening

What has “the good news of the gospel” meant to you?

View

Consider the following questions as you watch session 2.

What was God’s plan to save the broken covenant?

How could Jesus offer a new covenant in his blood?

What do the bread and cup of communion represent?

Reflect

Spend some time reflecting on the series of questions Sonya asks at the at the close of the video.

How does Jesus keep both sides of the covenant?

What is the miracle of the new covenant?

Is this “covenant story” your story?

Study

Use the following questions for individual study or group discussion. Refer to the Bible passages listed, as well as *The Covenant Story* chapters, as you dig deeper.

Chapter 19

Silence: Covenant Preparation

Luke 1:8-17, 57-80

What did the angel tell Zechariah about his unborn son?

What was the connection between the angel's words, and Malachi's prophecy?

What did Zechariah prophesy after the birth of his son?

Personal: What do all of these prophecies show you about God's heart and his purposes?

Interlude: He is Here

Matthew 1:18-25

How did Matthew connect his biography of Jesus to the Hebrew prophecies?

What difference does it make knowing Jesus was part of the story from the start?

What does it mean that Jesus is "the law and the prophets fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17)?

Chapter 20

Shepherds: Covenant Good News

John 10:1-18

Why do you think God chose shepherds for Jesus' "birth announcement"?

What is the covenant significance of "the lamb of God"?

What is the connection between Ezekiel 34 and John 10?

Personal: Do you resonate with being the "other sheep from a borrowed story"? Why or why not?

Chapter 21

Passover: Cup of the Covenant

Luke 22:14-20, 39-46

What do you think it would have been like to follow Jesus during his 3 years of ministry?

What did the disciples experience at that final Passover meal?

Why do you think Jesus begged the Father to “remove this cup”?

How do you understand the necessity of blood in light of covenant?

Personal: What was Jesus willing to do—*for you*?

Chapter 22

Breath: Covenant Spirit

Luke 24:36-53 & Acts 1:4-11

Why didn't the disciples understand what Jesus was doing (prior to the cross)—in spite of his repeated explanations?

How did Jesus explain the Scriptures to his disciples after his resurrection?

How did Jesus prepare his disciples for his departure? What did the disciples need to wait for and why?

Personal: Has there been an “aha” moment for you as you've walked with Jesus?

Wrap Up

Consider the following question as you close your time in prayer.

Why did Jesus have to keep the covenant for us—and how does that change our covenant relationship with God?