



CALVARY LIFE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PASSAGE: Genesis 17 'The Sign Of The Covenant'

THEME/S: New names, God's covenant, sign of circumcision

1. Have you ever been asked to do something unexpected or something that you didn't fully understand and did you do it?

Read verses 1 – 16

2. What speaks to you, intrigues you or raises questions in your mind from this passage?
3. In this chapter we read of four new names: *El Shaddai* ('God Almighty' or 'God all-sufficient'), Abram to Abraham ('exalted father' to 'father of a multitude'), Sarai to Sarah ('my lady / princess' to 'lady / princess') and Isaac ('laughter'). What do these names and the name changes tell us about God? And what are some of the new names we receive as Christians?
4. Why do you think that God chose circumcision as an appropriate sign of God's covenant with Abraham and his descendants?

Read verses 17 – 27

5. During the teaching on this chapter, we considered three points about circumcision. They were:
 - Circumcision is a sign given by God.
 - Circumcision does not bring salvation with God.
 - Circumcision of the heart is what God desires.

What are some areas where people, even Christians, sometimes rely on or boast in and think that this gives them standing with God? And what should our attitude be?

6. Read Romans 4:9 – 12, Galatians 5:1 – 6, Galatians 6:11 – 15 and Colossians 2:11 – 14. What does Paul emphasise in each of these passages?
7. What spiritual application do you take away from what we have talked about tonight?

PRAY

Pray it through and pray it over! Tonight's passage and specific prayer needs.

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers"
(Acts 2:42)