

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Called & Chosen: Abraham - Genesis 17:1-21 - "God's Giving of a Sign to Remember"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. What steps have you taken or rhythms/routines have you personally developed in your life to provide reminders of the Lord?
If you don't have any that you've personally pursue, are there any rhythms that you could implement to accomplish this?
What are some practices of the Church that can help to provide reminders like this for the Body of Christ collectively?
3. If circumcision is a sign of the covenant of God with His people, in what way(s) is circumcision relevant for us (God's people) today?
Why is circumcision no longer a requirement for us in the New Covenant that Jesus established?
****Consider Deuteronomy 30:6, Acts 15, Romans 2, Colossians 2:6-15, and Hebrews 8 to help answer this question.*
4. Consider the below three reasons for the sign of circumcision being the sign given to represent this Covenant with Abraham.
Do the below reasons also have any relevance pertaining to the New Covenant and the ordinances of baptism & communion.
DIVINE COMMANDMENT:
God's people willingly respond to Him
faith is followed by demonstrable action
GRACIOUS REMINDER:
A Constant Reminder of God's Provision
reliant on Him for their very existence
HELPFULLY ILLUSTRATIVE:
Physically Represents a Spiritual Reality
heart transformation > mere physical action
5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
What can we learn from Abraham today?
God reveals Himself to whomever He chooses:
The only right response is humble worship!
God gives commands for his glory & our good:
Don't hesitate, chose to obey right away!
God graciously gives new identities to people:
You are a new creation in Christ; live like it!
God alone accomplishes what is impossible:
Trust in God who alone is able to save us!