

Questions for further study ... Oct 25th '09

The message unveiled

Themes through the Bible ... "Covenant"

Split into 4 groups (if you can!) and read these passages and trace the theme throughout the Bible...

[OLD TESTAMENT PICTURES]

Group 1 Peace Treaty:

- Genesis 15 (Covenant made with Abraham)
- Exodus 19 (Covenant renewed with Moses and Israel at Sinai)
- 2 Samuel 7 (Covenant renewed with David)
- 2 Kings 21-25 (The Lord decides to send Judah into exile)- You might not be able to read it all!
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Group 2 Marriage:

- Exodus 6:7 (The Lord takes Israel as his own people)
- Hosea (Image of Israel as an adulterous wife to her husband, God)
- Ezekiel 16 (allegory of God caring for Israel and her unfaithfulness)
- 2 Kings 21-25 (The Lord decides to send Judah into exile)- You might not be able to read it all!
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Group 3 Promises of a New Covenant

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Ezekiel 37:26-27

[NEW TESTAMENT PICTURE]

Group 4 The Will:

- Hebrews 9:15-17 (Christ as the mediator of the will)
- Ephesians 1:3-8 (our inheritance as adopted children of God)

Discussion:

- a. Report back to the rest of your group on what you found in the reading. Was there anything that you hadn't noticed that stood out to you in the passages?
- b. WE are in the New Covenant/Agreement...
 - i. In the light of all that Christ has done, what is required of us? (Now look at John 14:15)
 - ii. What does it mean to be free from condemnation? (Romans 8:1)

Are there any aspects of the 'covenant' that you find hard to grasp? Note them down and try and find some answers this week. You can always email...Gordon....or me! leigh@testwoodbaptist.org