



### **Discussion Questions for Genesis 17**

1. In what way(s) did God speak to you today through His Spirit and His Word?
2. Why is it merciful for God to continue to reveal himself to Abram? What areas of your life do you see evidence of God's mercy?
3. What is the Lord teaching Abraham about waiting on Him? What has God been teaching you about waiting on Him?
4. What is meant by "progressive revelation" in Scripture? Why is it important to note God doesn't change; however, He does reveal Himself more clearly to His people throughout the Scripture?
5. What does the Bible tell us about circumcision of the heart? (See Deuteronomy 10:16, Jeremiah 4:4, Romans 2:29, Colossians 2:11) What does it mean to have our hearts circumcised? Why does this matter for believers?
6. Why does God keep reminding Abram about the covenant He made with Abraham? What can we learn from God's repetition?
7. What can we learn about the name changes in the text? Why is it meaningful that God changed the names of Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah?
8. Share about a time when you have been guilty of giving suggestions to God as Abraham did in the text (Genesis 17:18)? How does God's sovereignty override our suggestions?
9. How does Abraham respond to God's instructions? What does Abraham's response teach us about obedience?
10. Have you ever been guilty of not obeying God or not obeying God immediately? How did that work out for you? How does obedience show our faith?