

Reflecting Characteristics of the Covenant through Our Lives & Ministry

Use this document as a summary of what you are learning in Heirs of the Covenant. Consider referencing it after each chapter to record your reflections. It could also be used in training to summarize the big truths from the book.

Characteristic	Scripture Reference	Meaning	Implications	Ways We Are Reflecting	Other Ways to Reflect
Eternally Secure	God sovereignly initiated the promise with Abram. (Genesis 12)	Because the Covenant is sovereignly initiated and sovereignly sustained, we can know it is eternally secure.	Gratitude that declares God's glory above all else. Humility that frees us to consider others. Security to cast our cares on Him. Ability to extend grace to others because of God's grace that was shown to us.		
Relational	God initiated a relationship with Abram. (Genesis 12)	The God of heaven and earth is a personal God who enters into an intimate relationship with us.	Relational model built on the character of God, not felt needs or sentimentalism. Our relationships with each other are to mirror God's relationship with us. Ministry should offer opportunities for people to develop covenant relationships.		
Familial	God made it clear that this covenant was for Abraham and his family. (Genesis 17)	From the beginning God has worked through families (Abraham and his seed).	The church should prepare members for familial responsibilities and privileges. Reference the one-another verses on pg. 133 and consider how you can reflect them.		

Corporate	In Exodus we see emphasized the corporate aspect of the Covenant that God has called a people unto Himself.	God relates to us collectively. We are His holy nation, His royal priesthood, His bride, His body.	We should teach people to: To love the church. To submit to the authority of the church. To rest in the protection of the church. To serve in the ministry of the church. And to cultivate community in the church.		
Generational	Deuteronomy 6:4-9 & Titus 2:1-5	Each generation is to show and tell to the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord and the wonders He has done.	We should equip older church members to spiritually mother and father those who are younger and young in the faith. Inter-generational relationships should characterize all discipleship ministries. Ministries across the church should intentionally collaborate for equipping and care of the whole body.		
Compassionate	Exodus 34:6 & Ephesians 4:32	God is a God of compassion, and we are to be a people of compassion.	The church should be a place that coordinates between leadership and ministries clear pathways to extend compassionate care for those who are in need.		