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**V. The SIGN of the Covenant**

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**VI. The PROBLEM with the Covenant**

**IV. The FULFILLER of the Covenant**

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He \_\_\_\_\_ the promises.

He \_\_\_\_\_ the problem by \_\_\_\_\_ the covenant.

**VII. The INVITATION of the Covenant**

**I. The BASIS of the Covenant**

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**II. The ESSENCE of the Covenant**

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**III. The CALL of the Covenant**

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**IV. The PROMISE of the Covenant**

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- 2.
- 3.

## Stuff for Growth Groups

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#### PREPARING to be with One Another

Use a separate sheet of paper or notebook to work through these questions in advance of your Growth Group gathering. The more people come prepared, the richer and deeper and more real our discussions will be with one another.

#### CONNECTING with One Another

Open your time by checking in with one another to see how you're doing and how one another's week was.

#### EXPLORING God's Word with One Another

*Remember, we're giving you more than you can really discuss here. Pick a few questions that will take you back into the content of the passage and message.*

1. Read Genesis 17 together.
2. What was most interesting and/or challenging for you in this week's text/message? What were the thoughts you had and/or the emotions you felt as you grappled with God's Word this week?
3. How old was Abram when he was called? When he had Ishmael? How much time passes between Genesis 16 and 17?

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4. What is the BASIS of the covenant and how do we know based on the text?
5. What is the CALL of the covenant and where is it found? What does this mean? Is this a condition of the covenant? How do we know? (Does Abraham do this?)
6. What is the ESSENCE of the covenant, and how does Hebrews 8:8-12 (a quote of Jeremiah 31) confirm this?
7. How does Jesus doubly fulfill the Abrahamic covenant?

#### APPLYING God's Word with One Another

1. What does Romans 4:16 and Galatians 3:29 say about us who believe?
2. What does God's covenant with Abraham have to do with us?
3. Does the truth that God is our God and we are His people do anything to you or make any difference in your life? Should it?
4. Does the fulfillment of God's promises to Abram make any difference in your life? Should it?

#### PRAYING for One Another

Share personal requests. Use the truth of the message as a "springboard" to pray for your personal growth, your Growth Group and the growth of our life together at GraceSLO.