

**Title:** Promised Land Living: Real Relationship Leads to a Revolution // **Scripture:** Deuteronomy 29-30

**ARRIVAL / SOCIAL TIME** *15-20 minutes*

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Also find time to catch up together on how the assignments from last week turned out.

**SERMON REVIEW** *5-10 minutes*

This week we celebrated Father's Day. We started off our morning with conversations and questions about our dads. What were some funny sayings that he had or has? What is something that you couldn't stand that he did while you were growing up but now see the benefit? What is one word that you would use to describe him? For some this is a tough conversation. For others, it's a great start to processing about your dad. Benton led us into a deeper conversation about God's heart for his covenant with us. God's invitation to covenant is an invitation to everyone. He engages each of us into relationship with him—a entering of himself into our heart that pierces our soul and circumcises our heart. He then invites us to walk with him as we explore obedience and experience his blessings.

**THE MAIN THOUGHT** *keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion*

Covenant is an invitation that is initiated and fulfilled by God.

**SEE IT – Questions** *10-15 minutes*

**Picture** (What is the story saying?): How do we tend to view a covenant relationship? Who does God invite into covenant? How is it different than we think? What does He want and pursue in us more than anything? How do beliefs affect behavior?

**Mirror** (Where am I in the story?): Where do you see your relationship with God like a contract? What other relationships do you see the same way? Have you allowed God to enter into a deeper intimacy with your heart? What would it look like for you to allow Him in?

**Window** (Where am I in the story?): How does this level of relationship and intimacy that God desires with you change the way you see Him? Who has God put into your path again and again that needs an invitation into covenant with God? What would it look like to have a conversation with that person?

**BE IT – Practice**

**Soaking UP // Exercise** *5 minutes*

God can be seen in many different roles. Sometimes our imperfect earthly fathers have changed the way we view our perfect Heavenly Father. Spend some time thinking about God as your perfect Father who does not make empty promises. Thank him for the promises that you have seen him fulfill and for eyes to see the ones you have not.

**Basking IN // Tell Your Story** *15 minutes*

Brainstorm with your group some intentional questions that you would like to ask your Heavenly Father, your earthly father and your children. Teach each other how to see these as worthwhile investments into your relationships around you. Bask in this time together.

**Reaching OUT // Life Application Assignment** *5 minutes*

Where are there broken relationships to which you could help bring healing by reaching out? Be looking for those people in your daily life that God has brought to you again and again. There may be a beautiful reason for these encounters.

**CLOSING PRAYER** *5 minutes*

Take a few minutes to gather any prayer requests and pray for each other to SEE IT and BE IT this week.