

IGNITE TEEN HANDOUT
Trust (Covenant)
Week 2 – 9/26/2021



Our Group

Take 5 minutes to write your answers to these questions. Please be honest!

Why I am here? _____

What do I hope to get from IGNITE this year? How do I wish to grow in my faith?

What do I have to offer the group? _____

What do I want from the group? What do I want from my catechist and peers?

Our IGNITE CLASS GOALS for 2021-2022

A hand is shown holding a blue marker, positioned as if about to write. To the right of the hand are three horizontal blue lines, each preceded by a large blue number: 1, 2, and 3. This graphic is intended to guide the student in writing their class goals.

Everyone has a



to share

including you

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house.

Matthew 5:14-15

The important ideas!

Covenant



- fundamentally about relationships
- one of the central themes of the Bible
- a sacred oath
- unconditional commitment
- the way **God** has chosen to be in relationship with us and invited us to be in relationship to Him
- when you think sacrament think covenant

List two gifts your bring to IGNITE

1 _____

2 _____

A covenant is fundamentally about relationship

- A covenant is a solemn promise or oath between two or more individuals or groups
- Covenant comes from the Latin word, *convenire* ("to come together" or "to agree").
- A covenant is **NOT** a list of simple do's and don'ts, though a covenantal document can and often does include a set of obligations

Covenants vs. Contracts

- ❖ A covenant is the **unconditional** commitment to love and serve; a contract is a **conditional** commitment to serve or provide.
- ❖ What is the difference between covenant and contract in the Old Testament and throughout the Bible? It's like the difference between owning a slave (contract) and having a son (covenant.)
- ❖ There are two big differences between contracts and covenants:
 - contracts involve promises, covenants involve oaths
 - contracts guide the exchange property, covenants guide relationships between persons

In a contract, you exchange something you **have**
- a skill, a piece of property, money.

In a covenant, you exchange your very **being**. You give your very self to another person.

Let's Talk
about it

- What does knowing **God chose to relate to us through covenants** tell us about God?
- What does **knowing God chose to relate to us through covenants** tell us about how God sees us?
- How does knowing **God chose to relate to us through covenants** make you feel?

Covenant is one of the most basic and central ideas of Biblical faith

Covenant is the way [God](#) has chosen to be in relationship with us and invited us to be in relationship to him
The Bible is a covenant document. It outlines what God has promised to be/do for us and what we are/do for God.

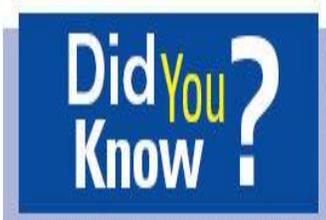


The Biblical Covenants

1. Adam and Eve ([Genesis 1:26-2:3](#))
2. Noah and his family ([Genesis 9:8-17](#))
3. Abraham and his descendants ([Genesis 12:1-3](#); [17:1-14](#); [22:16-18](#))
4. Moses and the Israelites ([Exodus 19:5-6](#); [3:4-10](#); [6:7](#))
5. David and the Kingdom of Israel ([2 Samuel 7:8-19](#))
6. Covenant of Isaiah ([Isaiah 43:1-6](#))
7. The New Covenant in Jeremiah ([Jeremiah 31:31-34](#))
8. Covenant of Ezekiel ([Ezekiel 36:25-27](#))
9. Jesus and the Church ([Matthew 26:28](#); [16:17-19](#))
10. The Eucharistic Covenant ([Luke 22:14-20](#); [Mark 14:22-25](#))
11. Covenant of Forgiveness ([John 3:16](#))

There are 5 special characteristics found in all Biblical covenants

1. the covenant mediator (the person God makes the covenant with) and his covenant role (whom the mediator represents – i.e. Moses makes a covenant with God for all of Israel)
2. the blessings promises in the covenant;
3. the conditions (or curses) of the covenant;
4. the "sign" by which the covenant will be celebrated and remembered.
5. the "form" that God's family has as a result of the covenant.



testament is another word for **covenant**

The Old and New Testaments are really Old and New Covenants.

CHOOSING A COVENANT

Romans 12:9-18 ⁹Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, love is not pompous, it is not inflated, ⁵it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, ⁶it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Philippians 4:4-9 ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! ⁵Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. ⁷Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

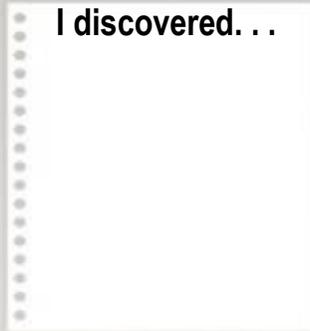
⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

I Learned Statements – complete at least two of the sentences below

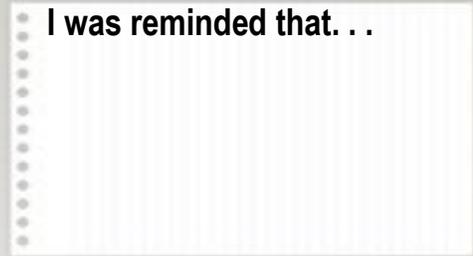
I learned...



I discovered. . .



I was reminded that. . .



I was surprised by. . .



The question I have is. . .

