

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### God's Plan for the Nations

With Jake & Emily Warren  
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#### God's covenant with Israel is for all Nations.

Genesis 17:4,6-7 "This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! ... 6 I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them! 7 "I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Genesis 22:17-18 I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. 18 And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me."

#### God's covenant is fulfilled in Jesus.

Matthew 26:27-28 And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, 28 for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.

#### Jesus commands us to go to the Nations.

Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

John 15:10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

**Big Idea: Find joy in God's plan to save the nations by obediently sharing the good news.**



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- 2) Read Genesis 17:4-7 & Matthew 26:27-28. What is the **Context** for these passages? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about the passages? What is the major theme in the passage?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in these passages for us and what does this tell us about God's covenant and plan for the nations?
- 5) **Application:** Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. How is God speaking to you through this study? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). In what way do you need to recognize how you might find joy in God's plan to save the nations? What does it look like for you to obediently share the Good News?



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