THE GOSPEL PROJECT FOR STUDENTS

UNIT 15 | SESSION 3

GOD DECLARES A NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31:31-40

MAIN POINT:
God writes His law on our heart and sends the Holy Spirit to dwell in us.

HIS STORY

- **Can you think of any instances in the biblical storyline up to this point where God has shown Himself to be faithful, even when His people aren't?**
- **Why do you think the Bible emphasizes that we ultimately have a heart problem, not a behavioral problem?**
- **Have you ever been tempted to follow God simply because of the desire for outward prosperity and peace or to go to heaven? How is it possible for your heart to be redirected toward a deep love for God?**
- **What does the fact that God desires to make Himself known demonstrate of His character? What are some ways we can grow in our knowledge of God now?**
- **How will you point someone to Jesus this week towards the knowledge of God and the forgiveness of sins?**

Essential Doctrine

Christ as Reconciliation | Ever since the fall of the first man and woman in the garden of Eden, God and human beings have been estranged. Sin resulted not only in an estranged relationship with God but also in enmity between God and humanity. Sin is an infinite offense against an infinite God. Thankfully, God loves His enemies and has sent Christ to be the reconciler between us and God. Through Christ's death, God provides the means whereby that broken relationship is restored and renewed (Rom. 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:18-19).

Christ Connection

Despite having God's law, God's people were still unable to obey Him because of the sinfulness of their hearts. The prophet Jeremiah prophesied about a coming day when God would write His law on His people's hearts and provide lasting forgiveness of sin. This prophecy points to God's provision of Jesus. Through Jesus, God offers us forgiveness, and through the Holy Spirit, God enables us to obey His commands.

HEAD

- **In your own words, how would you describe the difference between the old covenant and the new covenant described in Jeremiah?**
- **How does the new covenant demonstrate God's grace and mercy toward us?**

HEART

- **Why is it important that we emphasize obedience to God out of our love for Him?**
- **How would you respond biblically to the often-heard notion in our culture that people don't really change?**

HANDS

- **How has this session challenged you to grow in your knowledge of God this week?**
- **How can you strive to make God known to others this week?**