# Sealing the Covenant 6

## Deuteronomy 29:1-29 Renew, rehearse, renew

# Deuteronomy

## A covenant document

### a treaty between God and the people setting out the terms and conditions of the deal

# Deuteronomy 29

## 29:2-29 is a recapped mini-treaty on renewal day

### It begins with a bending of the truth

#### Lessons were handed down about being people of faith

## This chapter is framed by two truths

### Verse 4

#### God has not given you all the answers

### Verse 29

#### Whatever God does reveal is ours to respond to

## At the centre is the call to be a covenant people TODAY

# God calls

## It’s a request, not a demand

## It’s part of His nature

## It’s into His Kingdom

## Daily, weekly, monthly, annually

# God’s people are to be a people of faith

## You’re never going to work it all out

## God’s ways remain a mystery because He has not revealed everything

## He knows EVERYTHING about you

# God’s people are called to be personally accountable

## In this mini-covenant we get to the heart of the problem

### We want to have God as part of our lives, but not at the centre

## To be a person of faith is to rise above and see God as He is through what He has revealed through the scriptures and through history

### Today will you do it?

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Is once enough?

## What experience have you had of remaking vows/promises?

## How often, if ever, should vows/promises be remade?

### In a marriage?

### In a friendship?

### In the work situation?

### In a commitment to church?

## What is the value of remaking vows/promises?

### For those making the vows/promises?

### For those receiving the vows/promises?

## This is the second time the covenant is made

### The first was at Horeb about 40 years beforehand

#### Why do you think it was necessary at this stage in the story?

### To what extent do you agree that the Day of Atonement, celebrated each year, was a day of renewal of vows/promises?

## Deut 26 asks them to do it again when they settle in the Land

### How often should we celebrate conversion or what Christ has done for us?

# Faith and not knowing

## V4 states God has not given and will not give all the answers but we are still called to make a commitment

### In what ways is this reflective of ‘having faith’?

### In what ways is this ‘leaping without looking’?

#### Explain your answers

# Hidden and revealed

## V29 tells us that God has not revealed everything to His creation

### How can we be confident that we have enough of a picture of what God is like?

#### What do you think the ‘hidden bits’ contain?

### “It’s not the bits I don’t understand that have me worried, it’s the bits that I do”

#### To what extent can you empathise with this statement?