# Succession Planning Sharing the Covenant

## 3. Sing! Deuteronomy 32

# Singing

## Not songs about us, but songs about God

### We raise our eyes from the problem to Him who is above all

## Songs tell the story

### of what God has done in the past

### of who God is to you

### of what He has done for you

## It’s in telling the story that you affirm it

# Background

## This song follows the pattern of ANE treaties

### but it is unusual in that it is part of the original treaty

#### This would be in the letter sent after the treaty was broken

## It teaches us about the nature of the God we know and the consequences of unfaithfulness

### This is not the unfaithfulness of the world, but unfaithfulness of those who signed up

# Our God

## A rock (4), A faithful God (4), A Father (6), Creator (6)

## Wants us (9), Finds His people (10)

## Shields His people (10), Cares for His people (10)

## Leads His people (12), Feeds His people (13-14)

# Our journey with God

## Not all good

### Disobedience, Abandoning God, Unfaithfulness

## God’s reply is to let us reap the reward of our actions

### We can say ‘God is a loving, redeeming God, even in this mess’

#### He knows what mess is

#### He triumphs over mess

# God’s response to history

## Justice will be done

## Atonement will be made

### Now we know the extent of that atonement

#### It doesn’t fix everything, but it does deal with things on an individual level

##### Your sin can be atoned for

##### Your history can be redeemed

## Through Christ redemption is total and personal

### So we can SING!

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Singing

## When, where and why do you sing?

### What song is your favourite one?

#### Why do you like it?

### What song was your first favourite one?

### What song was your favourite 5, 10, 15 and 20 years ago?

### When did you most enjoy singing?

#### What made it so good?

### When did you least enjoy it?

#### Why was that?

# Songs about God

## Which songs about God are your favourites?

### Why?

## How many of the above statements about God (a rock, etc.…) are ‘real’ to you?

### Which ones and why?

# Your journey with God

## Who has had a perfect relationship with God and not fallen short since becoming a Christian?

### Can we still say ‘God is a loving, redeeming God’?

## To what extent is it true to say ‘the further you fall from grace the greater humility you should show’?

### Is this always true? Discuss

## Handling disasters

### How can know whether the Coronavirus is a ‘judgement of God’?

#### Should we be asking this question?

#### How does an answer to this change our view of the people who get it?

### How did Jesus view those who had leprosy, a man born blind or those who had a wall fall on them?

#### In what way is this a good model for us?