



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Sermon

Wesley's Covenant

Renewal

Isaiah 46:3-4

Things I want to remember about this Covenant Renewal service...

Monday 1/9/12

Isaiah 46:3a

In this scripture verse God says, "Listen to me..." Do you listen to God? How do you listen? Do you hear a voice? How do you know when God is speaking to you? God also says in this verse that we are part of God's family. When our father or mother spoke to us as children, we listened, didn't we? It is the same with God. We need to listen to God and obey the commands we hear. I am not suggesting we will hear an audible voice but if we listen carefully and intently, we can hear God speaking to us. Give it a try this week!

Tuesday 1/10/12

Isaiah 46:3b

The second part of this verse, which is what the "b" represents in the scriptural reference, states that God has supported us and cared for us even before we were born! John Wesley coined a phrase he called "prevenient grace." This kind of grace recognizes that God loves us and cares for us even before we come to know God. God loves us each and every day, whether we are aware of it or not. "You have been supported from the time you left the womb..." is a clear indication that God's love for us is total and complete. Do you realize just how much God loves and cares for you every single day of your life? Thank God for this today!

Wednesday 1/11/12

Isaiah 46:4

God's promise to care for us is not limited. Even when we grow old and gray, God will continue to care for and support us. This is God's unconditional promise to each and every one of us. I hope you and I can return this promise back to God by committing to devote ourselves to God each day of our lives no matter how long we live. God wants you to be in this loving relationship and we owe it to God to love back.



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<p>Things to do this week in response to the sermon...</p> <p><i>What promises did I make to God today?</i></p> <p><i>How can I do my very best to keep these promises?</i></p>	<p>Thursday 1/12/12 Luke 10:25-37</p> <p>How are we as a church caring for others? Do we care about those who are not actively part of our congregation? Do we honestly care about the souls of others? What about those who are different from us; do we care about them? Care is more than a word or action. It is the embodiment of how we live out our faith. Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Are we truly caring for our neighbors around us? How can we do better?</p>
<p><i>How can I deepen my relationship with God this year?</i></p>	<p>Friday 1/13/12 Genesis 15</p> <p>A covenant is an agreement between two parties. Today, we mostly use the word contract. For example, we agree to pay off a car loan in five years by making a set payment each month. In the Bible, there were two kinds of covenants: a covenant between two individuals of equal standing, and a covenant between one of more or higher power and one lesser. Covenants made with God by humans is an example of this second type of covenant. God always keeps each and every promise. How are you doing with keeping your promises to others and to God?</p>
	<p>Saturday 1/14/12 Quote from George Washington's Prayer Journal:</p> <p>"But, O God, who art rich in mercy and plenteous in redemption, mark not, I beseech thee, what I have done amiss; remember that I am but dust, and remit my transgressions, negligences & ignorances, and cover them all with the absolute obedience of thy dear Son, that those sacrifices which I have offered may be accepted by thee, in and for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ offered upon the cross for me; for his sake, ease me of the burden of my sins, and give me grace that by the call of the Gospel I may rise from the slumber of sin into the newness of life."</p>