

**1. The Book of the Covenant**

- a) Deuteronomy 5:1-3 The fifth book of the Pentateuch has been referred to as “The Book of the Covenant.” What covenant is Moses referring to here?
- b) How many years earlier was that covenant made?
- c) Exodus 19:1-8 – covenant at Sinai
- d) How was this covenant at Mount Sinai related to the covenant the LORD had made with Abram about 600 years earlier? Genesis 12:1-3, 17:1-6
- e) Deuteronomy 5:4-22 When reviewing the covenant at Sinai, the restatement of the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy is not identical to the words recorded in Exodus 20. What differences do you notice, and why did Moses make those changes?
- f) Why did the LORD restate His covenant with His people on the borders of the Promised Land? Deuteronomy 29:9-15 (Deuteronomy 4:9,23)
- g) What are some things that might cause us to forget our covenant with the LORD?

**2. The people of the covenant**

- a) Deuteronomy 4:20 (see also Deuteronomy 5:6-7)
- b) Why did the LORD desire His special covenant people to be different from the nations that surrounded them? Deuteronomy 18:9, 10-14

- c) Deuteronomy 26:16-19 What appeal did Moses make to the people of the covenant?
- d) Some view this call to obedience and holiness as a legalistic approach to religion. What should motivate us to reflect the character of God in our thoughts, words, and actions?
- e) How is the LORD calling us today to be distinct from our secular and pagan cultures in loving response to His unfailing love, mercy, and grace?
- f) How can we avoid compromise that causes us to think and act like those around us who have no knowledge of or relationship with the one true God?

**3. Part of the royal family**

- a) Deuteronomy 8:5, 14:1, 32:6 – this covenant relationship is more than a legal contract.
- b) Share times when Jesus emphasized the idea that we are invited to be part of God’s royal family. John 20:17, Matthew 28:10, John 14:23
- c) How did the apostles reinforce this beautiful message that we are part of the royal family of God? 1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 3:1-3
- d) What are your thoughts today about being part of the royal family of God?
- e) How does an awareness of our identity in Christ impact the way we choose to live?

