Study Guide on Genesis 17:1-14 New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?

2. What does this verse mean to me?

3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Genesis 17:1-14

(Genesis 17:1) When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.

(Genesis 17:2) And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

(Genesis 17:3) Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

(Genesis 17:4) "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

(Genesis 17:5) No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

(Genesis 17:6) I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

(Genesis 17:7) I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

(Genesis 17:8) And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God."

(Genesis 17:9) God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.

(Genesis 17:10) This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

(Genesis 17:11) You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.

(Genesis 17:12) Throughout your generations every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring.

(Genesis 17:13) Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant.

(Genesis 17:14) Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

What does the verse say?
 What does the verse mean to me?