

COME BACK

Zechariah: Covenant-Keeping Love | Zechariah

1. Why do you think it's so hard for people to keep their promises, to themselves and others - even when they mean well?
2. Read Zechariah 8:1-8. How does the passage show that God's love is covenantal rather than contractual? In your own words, what's the difference between a covenant and a contract? How does viewing your relationship with God as a covenant rather than a contract change how you respond when you fail?
3. Read Zechariah 1:3 and 8:3. What does Zechariah's name ("The LORD remembers") tell us about God's character? When in your life have you felt like God had "forgotten" you? Looking back, where can you see His faithfulness?
4. God's repeated promise is: "I Will!". Zechariah 8 contains multiple "I will" statements from God. What does this repetition tell us about who initiates and sustains the covenant? How do these "I will" promises strengthen your confidence in God's grace rather than your own performance?
5. In Zechariah 8:4-5, what images of peace and restoration stand out to you in this vision? How does this picture compare to the world (or your life) today? What would it look like for our church to reflect this kind of peace and safety more?
6. Read Zechariah 9:9 and 13:1. How do these verses point forward to Jesus? In what ways is Jesus the ultimate "covenant keeper" on our behalf? How does His faithfulness give us hope when we are faithless?
7. Read Zechariah 7:9-10 and 8:16-17. What qualities mark those who live in covenant relationship with God? What might "covenant faithfulness" look like in your relationships this week (family, workplace, church)? Where might God be calling you to "render true judgments" and "show mercy and compassion"?
8. Zechariah's message came to a discouraged, rebuilding people. Where do you need rebuilding in your life or faith? How does God's covenant-keeping love speak into that area right now?
9. Which phrase or verse from Zechariah 8 encourages you most today? How can our group remind one another that *"The LORD remembers"* and says, *"They shall be My people, and I will be their God."*



What did you discover about God in this passage?
What did you discover about people in this passage?
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?
With whom will you share what you have learned?

