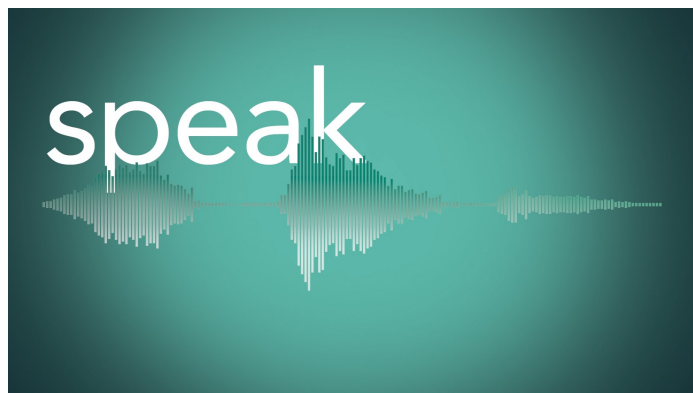


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



Speak ... Covenant

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Covenants have a purpose beyond the covenant itself. Covenants are made to make the world a better place. You are blessed to be a blessing: a blessing to others, a blessing to your family and friends, a blessing to strangers.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: EXODUS 19:3-6

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

In the story of God and us, God continually encourages us to do our best: Do our best in relationship with creation. Do our best in relationship with one another. Do our best in relationship with God. And in that story of God and us, we see examples of humanity doing their best. We also see examples of humanity doing their best to not do their best. God calls this “breaking covenant.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do you apply the Cub Scout motto, “Do your best,” in your life? In your relationships? In your faith? Is your best usually good enough? Share an example of a time when it was AND a time when it wasn’t.
- Do you find yourself sometimes NOT “doing your best” in your life, relationships, and/or faith? If so, share about that. How do you recommit to “doing your best” when you’ve fallen short? (Read Matthew 25:42-45 for context.)
- Read the five big covenants in the story of God and us: Genesis 9:8-17, Genesis 12:2-3, Exodus 19:4-6, Jeremiah 31:33, and Luke 22:19-20. What are some things that they have in common? What are some things that are different?
- How would you define the word “covenant”? How is it similar to and different from a “promise”? Share some big and small promises you have made throughout your life. Were you able to keep all of your promises? Share about a promise you have kept and a promise you have broken. What are three words you would use to describe how it feels to keep a promise? To break a promise? What are three words you would use to describe how it feels when someone keeps or breaks a promise to you?
- What are some ways you see us “doing our best” at Prince of Peace? How are we falling short? In the places you identify that we are falling short, how can we recommit to doing better? What is your role in that?

CHALLENGE: Who is someone in your sphere of influence who tends to be overlooked and forgotten? Take hold of their hands. Be a blessing. Speak Covenant.