

Table Group

Week of February 22, 2021

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When 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. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I 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.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Are names still important? Do we expect people to live up to their names? What about our churches? Think of your church's name - does it live up to that name? Should it?

If God were to rename your community or church- what would God name it based on its current activity/witness? What would you hope God would name it based on its future activity/witness? Answer these questions again and replace "community or church" with the word, "you."

The following questions allow for mutual accountability, where spiritual friends are found confessing sin without fear of condemnation.

- How is it with your soul?
- What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
- What temptations have you met with?
- How were you delivered?
- What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?
- Have you nothing you desire to keep secret?
- ★ Where/How have you experienced God this week?
- ★ Where/How have you seen love flow?