



## Sermon Discussion Guide

Feb. 24 & 25, 2024

"Deal Cutter"

[Exodus 19:3-6](#)

During Lent this year, we'll be going through a sermon series called "The Heart of God." In order for us to understand what it means to be a "Church After God's Own Heart" we need to look at God's heart. Join us each week as we dig into the character of God and get to know him better, so we can love others better.

### PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

### GROW

#### Read [Exodus 19:3-6](#) - "At Mount Sinai"

- Why is "deal cutting" important? Why do they matter in our relationships? How do those reflect our level of trust with others? Have you ever failed to hold up your end of some deal? Have you ever felt like God didn't hold up his end of a deal? Do you feel like God is trustworthy?
- What deals does God make with his people in the Old Testament? What deals does he make with you? What does he promise?

#### Read [Genesis 12:2-3](#) & [15:1-21](#) - "Covenant"

- What is the promise God makes with Abraham? What does God say about what he promises? How is this different than how a covenant would've been done in that time? What is shocking about it? Who typically takes responsibility for a broken covenant? What does God do? What does this say about the character of God?
- Do you ever feel the pressure of holding up your end of the deal? What does God think about that? What does he really want out of the covenant he's made with us? Is your relationship with God based on trust or is it transactional? What does a transactional relationship look like?

#### Read [Matthew 26:17-30](#) - "The Last Supper"

- What is Jesus promising in this covenant? How does this covenant relate to our relationship with God? What are the conditions of the covenant? When we fail, what does God say? What is the invitation? How is obedience a behavior that flows from trust? How do we develop trust with God?

### APPLY

Think back on the major things in your life. Write down as many significant events, people, and places as you can. Ask yourself where God was in the midst of all the highs and lows. Think about how God has been faithful and been with you through it all. How can looking back help us to recognize where God is today and where he is leading us in the future? Pray about that and discuss it with your group.