

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

Warming up

1. What names do you have (Mother, Father, Given Name, Nicknames)?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Genesis 17:1-2.
  - a. What does God ask of Abram?
  - b. What will God do if Abram follows through?
  - c. How is this significant to you, today?
3. Read Genesis 17:3-8.
  - a. What is the significance of God changing Abram's name to Abraham?
  - b. Can you find any other times in the Bible where someone's name was changed?
  - c. What was the significance of that change?
  - d. Has your name ever been changed? Why? How did it affect you?
4. Read Genesis 17:9-14.
  - a. Why did God ask for Abraham to circumcise himself and his household?

- b. What did the physical action represent?
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5. Read Romans 2:25-29 and Colossians 2:11.
    - a. How did Paul understand circumcision?
  
    - b. Did he think you needed physical circumcision to become a Christian?
  
    - c. What does life look like when you have a circumcised heart?
  
  6. Read Genesis 17:23-27.
    - a. What is the significance of Abraham's actions at the end of the chapter?
  
    - b. How quick are you to obey what God has required of you? How do you think Abraham's faith played into his response to God?

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "Real faith invariably produces holiness of heart and righteousness of life." - A.W. Tozer
- God is NOT a genie handing out wishes to those lucky few who are able to find Him. He makes Himself and His promises available to all who believe in Him and walk in His ways.
- "Faith and holiness are inextricably linked. Obeying the commands of God usually involves believing the promises of God." - Jerry Bridges
- God wants to give you a new name!