



Women's Group | Reclaiming Our Heritage | Dina Lima

Book Study: *Reclaiming Our Forgotten Heritage* by Curt Landry (2019, Nelson Books)

CHAPTER 10 – The God Who Keeps Covenant

1. What revelation did the author have on the beach in Tel Aviv? What was the nature of the covenant he made with God at that moment?
2. Why is an understanding of covenant so important to understanding the Bible and our relationship to God?
3. List the eight covenants between God and humans recorded in the Bible. Which are conditional and which are unconditional—and what is the difference?
4. In the context of this chapter, what does it mean to say that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament covenants but did not nullify them?
5. Why do we need to remind God that we remember His covenants? What else do we need to do in order to enjoy their promised blessings?
6. How does the covenant reality discussed in this chapter apply to Jews today? Is this different from the way you have previously thought about a Jewish covenant?

7. How has understanding covenant changed the author's thinking about the interaction between God and people? Has any of your own thinking shifted as a result of reading this far?

CHAPTER 11 – The Church of the New Testament

1. What happens when we interpret Jesus' words through a westernized lens and fail to recognize the Jewish context in which he said them?

2. Give at least one example from this chapter of ways today's Christians may misunderstand Scripture because we don't understand their Jewish context.

3. How did the spread of the gospel in the first century mirror the specific terms of the Great Commission? Was this realization a new one for you?

4. The author reminds us that the culture of the church was so thoroughly Jewish that the New Testament writers didn't even bother to point it out—because their intended readers would understand without explanation. Can you think of another analogy (besides the author's OSU example) to explain this all-too-human tendency?

5. What did the circumcision controversy described in Acts 15 have to do with the Jewishness of the church? What changed after it was resolved? What didn't change?

6. The author believes that Christians today neglect our Jewish heritage and that both Jews and Christians suffer as a result. What are some ways specific that Christians can reverse this trend?

CHAPTER 12 – Our Stolen Heritage

1. What is "replacement theology"? What does it say about Christianity and its Jewish heritage?

2. In what specific ways did the Roman emperor and the fourth-century church councils act to sever the church from her Jewish roots?

3. What are some of the lies or stereotypes about Jews that have been believed and promoted through the centuries? Which of these have you encountered in your lifetime? In what ways (if any) have you encountered or observed anti-Semitism? Have you observed an “uptick of anti-Jewish attitudes” in the news, on social media, or in your own social circles? What forms has it taken?

4. When it has occurred, in what specific ways has being cut off from its Jewish roots hurt the church?

5. The author states that replacement theology is particularly dangerous because it leads to a lack of trust in God. Do you think Christians would trust God more if we reconnected with our Jewish roots? Why or why not?