

Reflecting on “What Is a Covenantal Approach to Life and Ministry?”

Use these questions to help you reflect on the reading. (developed by Steve Suit and Christina Cook of Oconee PCA in SC)

Part One: Introduction to a Covenantal Approach to Children’s Ministry

COVENANTAL APPROACH TO MINISTRY

1. What components of ministry does a covenantal approach seek to balance?
2. Biblical discipleship combines teaching the _____ of the covenant in the _____ of covenantal relationships that validate the gospel of grace. Biblical discipleship imparts a way of life as we live in _____ with God’s covenant people.

WHAT IS COVENANT?

3. Give the promise and the condition of the covenant God established with Adam.
4. Why is this covenant called a Covenant of Works?
5. How did the fact that Adam was our representative in the Covenant affect creation and us?
6. Relate the narrative of Genesis 3, (that God came, He called, and He clothed Adam and Eve) to the New Covenant in Christ.
7. Was the Covenant of Grace established after and because of the Fall? Explain.
8. Under the New Covenant, what is the condition to have life in God’s Presence?
How can we be assured that we will satisfy this condition?
9. Why does it matter that our Children’s Ministry be based on a covenantal model?

Part Two: Characteristics of the Covenant

THE COVENANT IS ETERNALLY SECURE BECAUSE IT IS SOVEREIGNLY INITIATED AND SUSTAINED

10. A covenantal perspective begins with _____ - _____ and _____ . Then, we consider our _____ and

_____ because of _____ and
_____.

11. What does our covenant obedience accomplish or demonstrate?

THE COVENANT IS RELATIONAL

12. Upon what doctrines is the relational model built?

Explain how these doctrines form a foundation or base for the church community and how they ought to characterize our relationships.

13. How might you apply this relational aspect in teaching our children about relationships at home and in the church?

THE COVENANT IS FAMILIAL

14. Within what context is the Christian family to exist? Because this is so, how can our Children's Ministry help build strong families?

THE COVENANT IS CORPORATE

15. Every ministry in the church, including the children's ministry, should be diligent in seeking to cultivate a _____ throughout the entire church family.

THE COVENANT IS GENERATIONAL

16. Whose responsibility is it to pass the faith from generation to generation?

THE COVENANT IS COMPASSIONATE

17. How might we use a time of prayer in our classes to teach our covenant children compassion?

THE COVENANT IS INTEGRATIVE

18. All church ministries are to be united in _____,
_____, and _____.

The children's ministry does not function _____ of the rest of the church.