

**Circumcision of the heart**  
**(Renewal of the Covenant- Part 2)**

Joshua 5:1-12

Key Verse: 5:2

1. What did God command them to do and why (2-9)? Why was circumcision necessary to renew God's covenant, and to enter the promised land? (Gen 17:10-11)
2. What is the true circumcision (Deut 30:5-6; Jer. 31:33-34)? What should we cut off from our hearts and how can we do so (Col 3:5-9; Rom 8:13)?
3. What else did the Israelites do after crossing the Jordan River (10)? And why was it necessary? What does it mean for us to celebrate the Passover (Mk 14:23-24)??
4. What is the Promised Land to us (Heb 4:1, 8-11)? How does Jesus lead us to the Promised Land- the true rest (Mt 11:28)? What does true rest in Jesus look like (John 10:10; John 7:38) Do you have this rest in Jesus?
5. What is the ultimate Promised Land? (Rev 22:1-4) How does this hope enable us to live a courageous life in a sinful and troubled world?
6. Based on this passage, what does it mean to you to make or renew the covenant as we enter into the fall semester?