

PROMISE KEEPER

Part 1. Yes and Amen

- In this series we are taking a closer look at some of the promises of God. When you think of the promises of God what are the ones that come to mind? Why?
- What is the significance of the fact that God makes us promises?

Philip talked about how we can fall into 'chocolate money thinking' when it comes to the promises of God – we pick out random promises that we hope will make life easier. But this means we miss out on the bigger picture and the enormity of what God actually promises us in Christ, and how that can transform our whole lives, and the world.

- Can you think of a time when this has been true in your life? Or does it feel true for you now?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:12 – 22.

- The Bible tells us that God will always come through on His promises. Do you believe that? Has there ever been any tension between that belief and your experience?
- What does it mean that God's promises find their fulfilment and 'Yes' in Christ? How does he 'change the game'?
- What do you think it means that God's promises to his people are fulfilled 'through' Christ? Does this mean that we don't benefit from them?
- What does it practically look like for us to add our 'AMEN' (our agreement, our 'it shall be so') to God's promises?
- How do you think your life would look different if you fully believed in the faithfulness of God and lived in His promises, fully claiming them and believing them to be true? Would you live differently?

As a hub try to think of a way that you can challenge each other in this over the next 5 weeks. Maybe write something down that you can come back to in 5 weeks' time and reflect on how the promises of God have changed your life.

BIG IDEA: God's promises are fulfilled in Christ. He changes the game and makes them more wonderful than we can imagine. Our amen brings the promises of God to us through Christ.

Activity

Take some time to reflect on the cross. You could use a song, a bible passage of the crucifixion from one of the gospels, a video etc. If you haven't done communion recently, you could also do this together.

Think about how the cross is the fulfilment of the ultimate promise, and how through the cross every promise of God, has been, can be and will be fulfilled.