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RESONATE MAGAZINE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Use these discussion questions to dig deeper into the articles in your small group, church gathering or personal reflection.

Contract vs. Covenant by Michelle Farrall

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1. What aspects of your life do you perhaps approach like a mobile phone contract – wanting to get the most out of it for minimal input?
2. It is said that Gen-Ys have commitment phobia – can't stay in one relationship, job, country for too long. Do you feel this is an accurate description of your generation? Of you?
3. What do you think it is about commitment that makes us struggle? Is it who or what we are required to commit to, or is it a problem within ourselves?
4. What do the media and our culture today tell us about commitment? How does this influence our behaviour?
5. Think about the covenants made throughout the bible and the importance placed on them (think of the covenant with Noah in Genesis 9, with Abraham in Genesis 12-17, with David in 2 Samuel 7). What does this tell you about God and his commitment?
6. Michelle says: “The more we as Jesus-followers embrace deep relationship and community, willing to stick it out for the long haul no matter what we get/don't get in return...the more people will start to discover Jesus?” Do you agree? Discuss why or why not.
7. Short-term mission trips – good or bad?
8. Why we should strive to live out a covenantal faith? What's in it for us? What's in it for others?
9. On the whole, is your faith covenantal or contractual? Do you hold God to bargains – you give him your devotion if he carries through with your requests?
10. Pip is committed to the Khmer of Cambodia “because God is faithful.” How is God's faithfulness impacting your life?
11. How can you begin to wholeheartedly live in covenantal faith? Discuss some ways that you can implement the covenant mind frame into areas of your life?

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Pocket Compass and Google Earth by Naomi Barker and Susan Campbell

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1. “Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.” (Matt 28:11)
Jesus said it 2,000 years ago. Where do we stand today?
2. For the third of the world which has never heard the gospel, we have dedicated less than 1% of Christian workers and resources? Why do you think this is the case? Is this just?
3. In China there are 516 different ethnic people groups, 427 of which are considered unreached. With such extensive cultural and linguistic diversity, how should this affect the approach of cross-cultural workers?
4. What do you know about Hudson Taylor’s approach to mission (ask Google!). In your opinion, what did he get right?
5. Darcy comments that the challenges of their “pioneering mission” lie in communicating well in the Muslim context. What would be some issues in communicating Jesus in the Muslim context? How can Lulu, Darcy and Lola do this well?
6. What are some ways that a people group (think locally as well as globally!) could be encouraged to follow Jesus in their own distinctive way instead of imitating the practices of those who shared the Good News with them? If it helps, think of a specific example of a people group that you are familiar with eg. Indigenous Australians, skaters, teenage girls...
7. How can you use this approach to mission in your everyday interactions with others in your community?
8. Read Luke 10:2.
He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
Are you actively asking God to send out more workers? What is his response to your prayers?
9. What is *your* role in the age-old story of mission? What contribution are you making towards “making disciples”?

