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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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