# Succession Planning: Sharing the Covenant

## 2. Stay focussed Deuteronomy 31:14-29

# God commissions

## He calls all of us to follow Christ

## He calls some to lead

### It’s an anointing

### It is measured by your humility to do as He asks

## God commissioned a new kind of leader who also learned how to engage with God

# God knows your heart

## He sees everything

## He loves you anyway

### Joshua had a heart for God

#### one that listened and obeyed

#### one that sought answers from God in difficult times

#### He still made mistakes

## The picture we get from these verses is that the people of God are one generation or one leader away from letting their relationship with God fail

# God knows the future

## God calls you to stay focussed on the most important aspect of your existence

### Your walk with God

#### Deuteronomy was a manual on how to keep the spirit of the 10 commandments and not just the letter

## The response to some crises is a song of faith

### Songs of faith are about Him and how He will vindicate the faithful even if they die

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# Homegroup/Private study questions

# God commissions

## How do you understand this?

## In what ways has God commissioned all Christians?

## In what ways has God commissioned some of the people you know?

### How do you think they knew they were commissioned?

## In what ways has God commissioned you?

### How did you discover you were ‘commissioned’?

### What was it for?

## Do commissions last a lifetime or are they ‘seasonal’?

# God knows the heart

## God knows every decision you’ve ever made

### How does this make you feel?

### How does it make you think?

## God knows your propensities

#### He knows how you tend to operate, act or react

### Does allowing your behaviour mean He condones it because that’s ‘just the way you are’?

#### Explain your answer

## God knows every bad decision you will make

### How does this impinge on your understanding of free will?

# God knows the future

## The distant future looked very bleak for the people

### Why do you think Moses wasn’t more positive?

#### What would you think if your old leader called you ‘rebellious and stiff necked’?

##### Does this mean he didn’t like them?