

- *A brief introduction to themes of covenant and kingdom in Scripture*

Introduction

- Ever feel lost by the Bible?
 - swamped by all the stories?
 - not sure how it all fits together?
 - unsure how the bit you are reading relates to the rest?
 - intimidated by those who seem to have a little more knowledge than you?
- Begin to give a map of how the whole Bible hangs together!
 - will expand and explore further over coming weeks - not necessarily successive weeks
 - and I'll try and refer back to this map or framework when we are exploring passages....

Warp and Weft

- Suggest an analogy
 - weaving
 - warp and weft
 - interleaved, overlapping, different direction, with only one the whole thing falls apart...
- Covenant and Kingdom
 - be and do
 - warp and weft...

Be: Covenant

- Relationship with God
 - Abram called by God, by name, the person to be in relationship with God
 - brought into relationship not by his own goodness or worthiness, but by God's choice and by sacrifice
 - as are we in Christ Jesus
- John's gospel

Do: Kingdom

- What God calls us to do for him
 - to see his reign real on earth
 - Joseph called by God to make a difference in the nation of Egypt
 - in relationship, but then called to act, to do, to stand up for God, with the famine, saving not only the Egyptians but also his own family
 - as we are in Christ Jesus - go and make disciples, may your kingdom come...
- Matthew, Mark and Luke's gospels

Do-be-do-be-do

- Covenant **and** kingdom
 - not covenant **or** kingdom
 - both, and all of Scripture points this way!