

Deep in the earth: Called to deep growth

Fifth Sunday of Lent

An Inside Job

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

v. 31 *The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will make **a new covenant** with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah.*

*v. 32 It will not be like the covenant that
I made with their ancestors when I
took them by the hand to bring them
out of the land of Egypt—
a covenant that they broke,
though I was their husband, says the LORD*

v. 33 *But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

v. 34 *No longer shall they teach one another,
or say to each other, "Know the LORD,"
for they shall all know me, from the least
of them to the greatest, says the LORD;
for I will forgive their iniquity,
and remember their sin no more.*

God sent Jesus to show us
how to internalize God's law.

v. 24-26a

...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

How is God calling me to deep growth?

What do I need to let go of, like burying a seed in the ground, so I can grow?