

Genesis 12 – Becoming A Blessing November 24, 2019 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



BECOMING A BLESSING

- LEARN YOUR CALLING
- LEAVE YOUR OLD LIFE
- LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH
- LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE

Questions:

1. Have you ever been selected for an important role (e.g. a captain of a team, a manager of a department, etc.)? How did it feel to be chosen? Did you have a good experience?
2. How does it make you feel to realize that God has chosen you and given you the same calling to be a blessing that He gave to Abraham?
3. What do you remember about each of the main points of the sermon? (seen above). What in the sermon challenged you? Do you have any questions to bring up?
4. Many people in the Bible were called by God to fulfill particular tasks/ministries. Read the following passages and compare the stories. What was each person being called to do? How did God get their attention? How did they respond? How were their lives affected by obeying God's call?
 - a) Genesis 12:1-4 (Abraham – review)
 - b) Exodus 3:1-11 (Moses)
 - c) Judges 6:11-24 (Gideon)
 - d) Jonah 1:1-4; 1:17; 2:1; 2:10; and 3:1-3 (Jonah)
 - e) Isaiah 6:1-13 (Isaiah)
 - f) Jeremiah 1:4-10 (Jeremiah)
 - g) Nehemiah 1:1-4 and 2:1-6 (Nehemiah)
 - h) Luke 1:26-38 (Mary)
 - i) Matthew 9:9-13 (Matthew)
 - j) Acts 26:9-20 (Paul)
5. Read 2 Kings 7:3-11 (the context of this story is that in the days of Elisha the prophet, the city of Samaria was put under siege and its people were starving)
 - a) How do you think these four men felt when they made their big discovery?
 - b) What was their first instinct?
 - c) What did they later realize? (see v. 9)
 - d) Are there ways in which you are keeping God's blessings and good news to yourself?
 - e) Are you willing pray about how God might want to use you to bless the world around you?
6. Share prayer requests and pray together. Pray that God would open your eyes to the needs around you. Pray that He would show you how to be a blessing.