

THE STORY OF GOD

“God's Covenant with Abraham”- Genesis 12:1-3

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OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ Genesis 12:1-3

- ☀ Read the texts at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the texts? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the texts? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. Read Genesis 11:1-9. What command given in Genesis 1 & again in Genesis 9 is being broken in this story?
2. The Tower of Babel shows us that humanity was united in a mindset opposed to God's purposes for their existence? This also shows us that the flood did not fix the curse of Adam & Eve's sin. What is God's response to the people in this story?
3. Read 12:1-3. What does God want from Abram? And what does God promise to Abram? Do you see any correlation between the last part of the promise to Abram and God's judgment on Babel?
4. In what ways does Jesus fulfill the last part of the promise to Abraham? In what ways has Jesus not fulfilled them but will in the future?

**The culmination of Adam's sin
is seen in Babel.
Gods answer is a man who
gives birth to a nation,
a nation that gives birth to a
savior
and in this all the families of
the Earth are blessed.**

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ It is interesting to consider that Abram got to see his son born but did not get to see the nation he was promised. This actually happened 400 years later. The final promise of blessing the nations took 1500 years to fulfill. This should cause us to pause and consider that God is extremely faithful and yet works more slowly than we might like. Are there things you have asked of God and he seems slow in fulfilling them? How does that make you feel towards him?
- ☀ Take time this week to acknowledge your trust in the faithfulness of God and your trust in his timing for the things you have asked and prayed for, even if you have been asking for months or even years.