

THE STORY OF GOD

Jesus, the True and Better Abraham- Genesis 12:1-3, John 8:48-59, Phil 2:1-10
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OBSERVE & REFLECT

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

READ John 8:48-59

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have? 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 John 8:1-47. What claims does Jesus continue to make that lead the Jews to make the accusation against Jesus in verse 48?
2. How does Jesus respond to this accusation in verses 49-51? What does he promise in verse 51,
3. How do the Jews respond to these words? How does the question at the end of verse 53 summarize the Jews approach to Jesus throughout the gospels?
4. How does Jesus answer their question in verses 54-56?
5. Verses 56-58 contain one of the most significant statements Jesus ever made. What did he mean? Why is this such an enormous claim?
6. Read Genesis 12:1. How did obedience to God's calling require a great deal of faith for Abraham? What did he know and not know when he left? How does Jesus show us this same pattern? How did he leave "home" and journey to a distant place to bring blessing and salvation?
7. Read Genesis 12:3 and review the promise that God made to Abraham. What parts of this promise did Abraham get to see fulfilled directly?

**"In Genesis 12:3, God promised that He would bless the whole world through Abraham. When Jesus said that Abraham anticipated His day, Jesus was claiming that He fulfilled what Abraham looked forward to."
-Dr. Tom Constable**

NEXT STEPS

- ☀ How is Jesus the True and Better Abraham? How does the story of Jesus complete the story of Abraham and fulfill the promises that God made to him?
- ☀ Read Philippians 2:1-10.
 - How do verses 5-8 demonstrate Jesus as the True and Better Adam?
 - How does Paul call us to apply this in our own lives (v.1-4)?