



# GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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# GENESIS 12-17

**“AND I WILL MAKE OF YOU A GREAT NATION, AND I WILL BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT, SO THAT YOU WILL BE A BLESSING.” - GENESIS 12:2**

## FROM THE TEXT

- WHAT PROMISES DOES GOD MAKE ABRAHAM (ABRAHAM) IN GENESIS 12-17? WHY WAS ABRAHAM CHOSEN TO BE THE RECIPIENT OF THESE PROMISES? CONSIDER WHAT INFORMATION WE HAVE ABOUT ABRAHAM PRIOR TO GOD SPEAKING TO HIM IN GENESIS 12.
- DISCUSS HOW ABRAHAM DISPLAYS BOTH FAITH IN GOD THAT LEADS TO TRUSTING GOD’S PROMISES VERSES A LACK OF FAITH THAT LEADS TO TRYING TO WORK OUT GOD’S PROMISES HIMSELF? HOW DO ABRAHAM’S ‘MISTAKES’ AFFECT GOD’S PLANS AND PROMISES?
- READ GENESIS 12:2-3. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS BLESSING THAT WILL BLESS “ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH”? CONSIDER ‘THE BIG STORY’ HERE. WHAT PROMISE IS GOD MAKING HERE THAT ABRAHAM LIKELY DIDN’T HAVE A FULL GRASP OF ITS HUGE IMPLICATIONS?

## FROM THE SERMON

- ON SUNDAY PASTOR CHRIS DISCUSSED THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM AND WHAT IT MEANS. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE TRULY BLESSED AND HOW DOES THAT SHAPE OR TRANSFORM YOUR VIEW OF BLESSINGS IN YOUR LIFE?
- READ ROMANS 4: 18-25. HOW DOES THIS NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGE HELP CLARIFY GOD’S TRUTH FOR US IN THE STORY OF ABRAHAM? WHAT BLESSINGS AND PROMISES DO CHRISTIANS RECEIVE THROUGH FAITH?
- YOU HEARD A QUOTE FROM JOHN STOTT ON SUNDAY, “WE NEED TO BECOME GLOBAL CHRISTIANS, WITH A GLOBAL VISION, FOR WE HAVE A GLOBAL GOD”. DISCUSS HOW INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A CHURCH WE CAN BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS. HOW DOES GOD’S GLOBAL RESCUE MISSION AFFECT OUR LIVES? HOW SHOULD IT?

## FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- DISCUSS WHAT PROMISES AND BLESSINGS YOU ARE LIVING FOR. DO YOU LIVE IN LIGHT OF WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO BE BLESSED? IN WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU SEEK OUT BLESSING? ARE THESE THE RIGHT AREAS? WHY OR WHY NOT?
- READ GENESIS 17:5. GOD CALLS ABRAHAM THE FATHER OF A MULTITUDE OF NATIONS. HE MAKES IT ABRAHAM’S IDENTITY THROUGH A NAME CHANGE, BEFORE ABRAHAM EVEN HAS A SON WITH SARAI. WHAT DOES THIS SHOW US ABOUT GOD’S PROMISES AND BLESSINGS? HOW SHOULD WE UNDERSTAND THE IDENTITY GOD HAS GIVEN US IF WE HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS?
- DISCUSS AS A GROUP HOW YOU CAN SPUR EACH OTHER ON IN YOUR FAITH. THINK ABOUT YOUR INDIVIDUAL FAITH FLAWS, WHERE YOUR FAITH IS AND ISN’T GROWING, AND HOW AS A GROUP YOU CAN ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO HAVE AN OBEDIENT FAITH.

## PRAYER FOCUS

THANK GOD FOR THE PROMISES AND BLESSINGS HE GIVES TO THOSE IN JESUS CHRIST. PRAY THAT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST WOULD BE APPARENT IN YOUR LIVES THROUGH A FAITH THAT IS HONORING TO GOD. PRAY FOR GOD TO REVEAL LACK OF FAITH IN AREAS OF YOUR LIFE AND THAT HIS HOLY SPIRIT WOULD TRANSFORM YOUR HEARTS TO LIVE OUT FAITH IN CHRIST IN JOYFUL OBEDIENCE.