

GENESIS 12





Small Group Guide: God's Mission and Our Response

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Opening Prayer



The opening prayer is a way for us to invite God into our time together, center our hearts on Him, and prepare ourselves for the discussions ahead. This is an opportunity to thank God for His presence, ask for His guidance and wisdom, and open our hearts to what He wants to teach us.

Feel free to keep your prayer simple and conversational, as if you're talking directly to a close friend. If you're unsure what to say, focus on gratitude, ask for clarity and connection, and trust that God hears your heart.

Helpful Prayer Prompt:

- Thank God for bringing the group together and the opportunity to grow in faith.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to lead and guide your conversations.
- Ask for open hearts, wisdom, and encouragement for each person in the group.

Scripture Reading

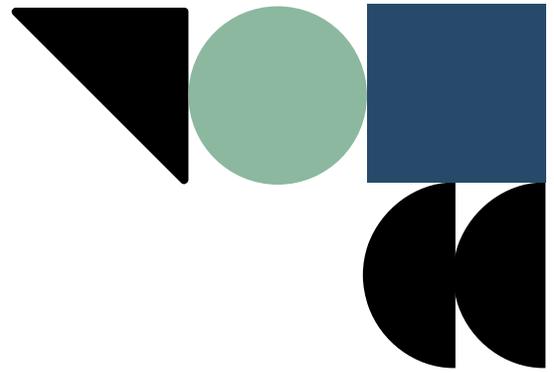


Genesis 12

In this powerful exploration of Genesis 12, we delve into God's mission for humanity and our role within it. The story of Abram's call reminds us that God's grace, not our own merit, is the foundation of our spiritual journey. Just as Abram was commanded to 'go,' we too are called to step out in faith, leaving behind our comfort zones to follow God's leading. The Abrahamic Covenant reveals God's promise of blessing, not just for Abram, but for all nations through him - a foreshadowing of Christ's redemptive work.

As we reflect on Abram's obedience, trust, and faith, we're challenged to examine our own response to God's call. Are we ready to join God's mission, even when faced with trials and uncertainties? This message urges us to participate actively in God's plan, whether through accepting salvation or sharing the gospel, and to remain steadfast in our worship and faith journey despite life's challenges.





Key Takeaways

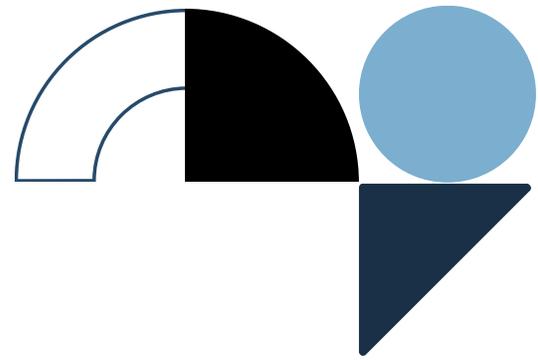
God has a mission for humanity and wants us to participate in it.

Abram's call was based on God's grace, not Abram's righteousness.

Obedience, trust, and faith are crucial in following God's mission.

Worship is a response to God's faithfulness, not just our feelings.

Trials and tests are part of the journey in following God's mission.



Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
2. The pastor mentioned that God chose Abram not because of his righteousness, but because of God's grace. How does this impact your view of how God works in people's lives?
3. Discuss the interplay between obedience, trust, and faith in Abram's response to God's call. How do these elements work together in our own spiritual lives?
4. The sermon emphasized that we're meant to be a channel of God's blessings, not just a reservoir. What are some practical ways we can be a blessing to others in our daily lives?
5. How does Abram's immediate worship response after arriving in Canaan challenge or inspire you?
6. The pastor asked, "How am I participating in God's mission on earth?" How would you answer this question for yourself? What areas might God be calling you to step out in faith?
7. Discuss the idea that worship is about obedience, trust, and faith rather than just feelings. How might this change our approach to worship, both individually and corporately?
8. The sermon mentioned that trials often come when we're faithfully following God. Have you experienced this in your own life? How did you respond?





Practical Applications

1. Take time this week to reflect on how you're participating in God's mission. Identify one specific way you can engage more fully.
2. Practice intentional worship this week, even when you don't "feel" like it. Journal about your experience.
3. Identify any current "tests" or trials in your life that might be deterring you from God's mission. Pray for strength and wisdom to navigate them.
4. Look for opportunities to be a "blessing" to someone else this week, remembering that God blesses us so we can bless others.
5. If you haven't already, consider joining the church's New Testament reading challenge to grow in your faith and knowledge of God's Word.



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Closing Prayer

Thank God for His mission of redemption and for inviting us to be part of it. Ask for His help in being obedient, trusting, and faithful like Abram, even in the face of trials.