

SERMON: The Call and Mission of God

February 3, 2019

SERIES: Genesis: A Journey of Faith

SPEAKER: Pastor Mark

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 11:27-12:9

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Calling the Unqualified
- II. The Obedience of Faith
- III. Being on Mission

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group. Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. As we move into the story of Abraham, why might it look like God's Genesis 3:15 promise (which should come through the line of Seth) is in danger of not being fulfilled? How does the call of Abraham show the faithfulness of God toward mankind?
2. Abraham was not qualified for his calling. God calls the unqualified and qualifies the called. How does this truth humble you? Encourage you?
3. How is Jesus the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham? How do the promises to Abraham apply to us today?
4. Genesis 12:1-9 demonstrates God's grace and Abraham's faith. Why must grace and faith always work together? What calling has God put on your life by grace? How must you obey it by faith? Think about those things that are the "Clear Word" of God.
5. Abraham was blessed to be a blessing. How have you seen this truth in your own life? What can/should we do when we don't feel like we are blessed? How can meditating on the work of Christ help us to understand and apply this truth?
6. Abraham's calling to salvation and his commission to mission were the same thing. How is this true of your life too? Does this change how you see your life?

Pray: Read Galatians 3:7-9. Praise God for his good news to Abraham and to us. Confess ways that you have rejected the call of God. Thank God for the grace he has shown you in spite of your "disqualification." Ask for a greater commitment to God's mission.