

Genesis 12:1-5; 15:1-6



Big Idea:

God initiates his plan to rescue humanity through his covenant with the family of Abraham, in order to restore divine blessing to all nations.

Thought Exercise:

- What is your typical response when someone makes a request of you that seems off base?

Items for discussion:

The Plan of God (12:1-3)

- After Babel, God's focus moves from mankind to a single person and his descendants.
- God initiates the relationship with Abraham.
- God's plan is revealed through a set of promises and blessings that the people in Babel were seeking.
- Compare with Philippians 2.

The Promise of God (12:3)

- Through one man sin entered. Through one man the nations are blessed, and through one man salvation is provided.
- The promise to Abraham reveals God's ultimate purpose.
- The five blessings in Abraham's promise (12:1-3) stand in contrast to the curse (3:14-16, 3:17-19, 4:11, 9:25).

It All Begins With God (12:1, 4)

- Abraham does not remain passive (12:4-9).
- How is our obedience an ongoing process as opposed to a singular event?
- Hebrews 11:8

Abraham Trusted God (15:6)

- With nothing but God's promise to go on, he trusted. His wife was barren (11:30) and he was aged (15:3).
- Abraham believed God and it was credited as righteousness. (15:6).

God has created and brought to order and function to the earth, the rebellion of humanity against divine authority, and God's plan to restore mankind to his original purpose through grace and faith.

