

Sermon Discussion Questions: Living By Faith (Gen. 12:1-9)
Beginnings: A Study of Genesis 1-12 Series

- **When has your life felt the most ordinary or routine? Where are you tempted to look for a sense of meaning, adventure, or purpose?**
 - Why do you think those things never quite satisfy for long?
- **Read Genesis 12:1-3**
 - What does God call Abram to leave behind, and what details does he give him about where he's going?
 - What would it have cost Abram to obey this call? What was he risking?
 - What promises does God make to Abram? (Hint: God promises to bless him with a people, a place, and a purpose)
 - How do these promises connect back to God's original purpose for humanity in Genesis 1:28—to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth?
 - Why is this moment such a turning point in the story of Genesis after the Fall and everything that followed?
- **Read Genesis 12:4-9 and Hebrews 11:8-10**
 - How does Abram respond to God's call? What stands out to you about his response?
 - According to Hebrews 11, what drove Abram's obedience?
 - The message defined faith not as rules, rituals, or religion, but as trust in God that changes how you live. How is that different from how people often think about faith?
- **Read Galatians 3:7-9**
 - How does God's promise to Abram find its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus?
 - What does it mean that everyone who trusts in Jesus is a child of Abraham and shares in his blessing?
 - God's blessing isn't the promise of an easy life—it's the promise of his grace, love, and presence when life is anything but easy. How have you experienced that kind of blessing in Christ?
- **The message said that, like Abram, believers are "blessed to be a blessing"—the gospel came to you on its way to someone else.**
 - Living by faith requires listening. God speaks primarily through Scripture. What does your current rhythm of listening to God look like? What would help you grow in it?
 - Living by faith also requires leaping—taking risky steps of obedience. Is there an area of your life where you sense God calling you to take a leap? What holds you back?
- **Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does Genesis 12:1-9 highlight? Where has God placed you to be a blessing this week—and how can this group encourage (or even join) you in taking that step?**