

ORIGINS

SERMON SERIES ON GENESIS 1-11

SERMON LISTENING GUIDE // DATE: _____

Genesis 11:27 – 12:3 // ²⁷ Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. ²⁸ Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹ And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰ Now Sarai was barren; she had no child. ³¹ Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³² The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² 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. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The Call of God **Genesis 11:27 – 12:3**

What call do you need to receive to thrive in a difficult world?

I. The need for God's call

- A. Called out of unbelief (11:27-30; Josh. 24:2)
- B. Called through seasons of doubt (11:31-32; Acts 7:2-4)

II. The nature of God's call

- A. A call that requires trust (12:1; Heb. 11:8-9)
- B. A call that requires vision (12:2a; Heb. 11:10)

III. The response to God's call

- A. The blessing of God (12:2b-3)
- B. Responding to Jesus (Heb. 11:39-12:2)

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. How has God called you out of unbelief? How have you seen God call you through seasons of doubt and struggle? How does this reassure you?
2. In what area of your life has it been most difficult to transfer your trust from self to God? Why is it difficult for you to trust God in this area?
3. How does the vision of a new heaven and a new earth empower you to respond to God's call?
4. As you respond to God's call by trusting Jesus, how are you experiencing his blessing (joy, strength, power)?

MISSIONARY PRAYER // JOSH & ANNA DICKENSON - SERGE, UGANDA



Josh and Anna Dickenson (with Daniel, Jacob, and baby Benjamin) serve with Serge in Bundibugyo, Uganda, as an Engineer and Teacher on a multi-disciplinary team that seeks to Reach, Renew, and Restore the people of Bundibugyo. Our team impacts the community through church trainings and partnerships, medical and nutrition outreach, a secondary school (Christ School Bundibugyo), missionary apprenticeships, and clean water projects.

Currently, like a lot of the world, we are on Lockdown. For us this means Anna and the kids pretty much have to stay at our house or visit the other missionary houses nearby. Josh was working on a water project when the Lockdown began, so through negotiating with local district leaders, his project was classified as an essential service and has been able to

continue. Please pray especially that Uganda would be spared from a significant outbreak and that the country would be able to open up soon as our supplies are growing thin. We are blessed that we know folks and groceries in the next biggest town (~2hrs away) and we are able to order some things from there to fill some of the gaps. A particular prayer request is for those in our region who live from informal, manual labor jobs – the Lockdown has specifically been hard as they are now out of work and have no reserves.

There have been some bright spots in the midst of the pandemic: Anna has just completed the first year of Pre-school with our mission kids. This is no simple task with a 4, 2, and 8 month old and adding 3 other preschoolers to the mix too. She had wonderful help with a family friend, Edith, who is the 20 somethings daughter of late Yosephu (our worker who passed away last year).

Josh is right in the middle of building an Intake for two Gravity Flow Systems (GFS) – Nyaruru and Bundinyama/Hakitara Systems. Combined, these systems serve an estimated 20,000+ people and they all start at the same place on the Nyaruru Catchment. The old intake was completely destroyed in the landslides in December. If you are interested in seeing some of the work in action, go to Josh's Vimeo page and view the recent videos of the worksite: <https://vimeo.com/user69757203>

Prayer Requests:

- For God's mercy on the Ugandan Health System and that He would spare our team and community from COVID in a setting where advanced healthcare is not available
- For Josh's project at Nyaruru – that it would open doors to the Gospel being shared and serve the communities with water for many years to come
- For wisdom in raising three rambunctious and fun boys! We need sleep and stamina.
- Pray for Anna as she begins language lessons again
- For Gospel seeds in our friendships, specifically with a friend from a different religion (purposely vague)

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To give to the BundiWater project: <https://give.serge.org/p-22-bundiwater.aspx>

COMMUNITY GROUPS

What are they?

The Bible is clear that God has designed life to be lived in dynamic relationships of trust and love. For this reason, Christ Church East also meets weekly in homes throughout the city for food, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. While groups meet weekly, they are not defined by a night of the week or a time on the clock. They are a people increasingly living their lives together and learning how to love one another in gospel community. Currently our groups meet virtually through Zoom.

How do they work?

Groups are open to people in all seasons and walks of life. Each group provides child care so that the adults can focus on study, sharing, and prayer after a time of food and fellowship. On a regular basis, men and women break out separately to address gender specific needs. Typically, our groups take time off during the months of June and July. If you are interested in joining a group, fill out our online connect card (www.christchurcheast.org/connectwithus).

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING // MAY 25-31

Day	Date	Read
Mon	5/25/20	1 Corinthians 5-6, Psalm 41
Tues	5/26/20	1 Corinthians 7, Psalm 42
Wed	5/27/20	1 Corinthians 8-9, Psalm 43
Thurs	5/28/20	1 Corinthians 10:1-11:1, Psalm 44
Fri	5/29/20	1 Corinthians 11:2-34, Psalm 45
Sat	5/30/20	1 Corinthians 12-14, Psalm 46
Sun	5/31/20	1 Corinthians 15, Psalm 47