

# DEEPER ROOTS

January 15-21

## Planting Seeds: Read Genesis 12:1-9

As we spend six weeks considering how we can be a blessing to our world, our text for this morning takes us to the Old Testament where we are first introduced to the idea of blessing in a major way. Abram's life is about to be radically transformed, he's going to get a new name and everything. He's going to move hundreds of miles away, and ultimately father the entire nation of Israel. And five times in the first three verses we see the word blessing. God is going to bless Abram. And the reason that God has blessed Abram is so that Abram will bless others. He has been blessed to be a blessing. Abram is going to become a conduit of God's goodness, love, peace, hope, and joy to the world. God will give to the world through Abram. This is the story of the Bible. God blesses people through other people. When God sends salvation, He doesn't send a message, a miracle, or a sign, He sends Himself as a person. We are invited into the same process. Your skills, passion, experience, and life are a unique blessing from God to you. And you are uniquely blessed so that you can be a unique blessing to the world. **How has God uniquely blessed you? What specific individual abilities do you have to be a blessing to others?**

## Digging Deep: Read Genesis 12:1-9, Nehemiah 2:1-8, Exodus 12:29-42

These are just a few of the stories in the Bible where God calls His people from where they are to move to someplace else. In each of these situations, God gifts His people with what they need for their travel. Sometimes they are given a literal King's ransom, other times it is the clothes on their backs. We know from reading the rest of the story that in all these situations God provides for His people. God blesses His people with what they need for faithfulness and Kingdom life. Sometimes He blesses in abundance and extravagance. Sometimes He blesses with a pittance. In either way God gives us all that we need, so that we can live in faith, confidence, and hope. We should be careful not to compare our blessings, but rather live with boldness, confidence, and gratitude. God has provided and equipped us to do great things for the Kingdom. **Do you sense that God is calling you to some place or something new? What blessings has God equipped you with for this adventure or for this work? Do you find yourself comparing your blessings with those of others?**

Pioneer Drive Baptist Church wants you to grow in The Word during the week of 12.8-14.23. Planting Seeds is a quick devotional and Digging Deep is a more robust study for you, your family, or your group. If you have questions or feedback, please email [Terence@pioneerdrive.org](mailto:Terence@pioneerdrive.org).