

July 11th, 2017: BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

OPENING

- What was something that stuck out to you from Eric's sermon?
- Eric emphasized that the Bible is a collection of real life examples. Is there someone in the Bible that you typically look to as an example for you to follow?

DISCUSS & APPLY

Read Genesis 12:1-3

- What was Abraham asked to give up? How do each of the promises address (replace) what he was giving up? What does this teach us about God?
- What are some ways that God has blessed you? Were there sacrifices you had to make to receive those blessings?
- If God spoke to you and asked you to leave everything familiar, how would you respond?

Read Genesis 12:2

- Why would it have been hard for Abraham to believe this promise? What challenges do you face in your life that make it hard to believe God's promises?
- In Genesis 11, people tried to make a great name for themselves by making the tower of Babel (see 11:4). What's the difference between making your own name great and letting God make your name great? What are the different consequences (compare 11:8-9 with the promise made to Abraham in 12:2).
- How would God bless Abraham? How would God bless others through Abraham?
- As you reflect on how God has blessed you, how have you been a blessing to others? How can you be a blessing to others in the future?

Read Genesis 12:3

- Why do you think it's important God's promise follows the call to be obedient? Why do you think it's important to be
- The Abrahamic covenant promises that all families on the earth will be blessed through Abraham's offspring (Jesus Christ). What is your part in seeing this covenant continue to be fulfilled today?
- If you are a parent or want to be a parent in the future, what would you say your ultimate goal is for your kids?
- How can you honor someone you don't have to honor?



FINAL APPLICATION

• How does Abraham's story teach us that faith is the most important aspect of life? How would taking Abraham's example seriously affect your life this week?