

Life Changing Community Group Discussion Questions

week of 3/1/26

Summary

Pastor Matteo Ricciardi from Italy delivered a sermon based on Genesis 12:1-8, focusing on God's call to Abraham and its significance for believers today. The message emphasized that God's call to Abraham was not just about personal blessing, but about becoming a blessing to all nations. Abraham's response required leaving behind security and stepping into an uncertain future based solely on God's promise. Pastor Matteo highlighted that faith involves trusting God's word before seeing visible confirmation, and that the blessing promised to Abraham ultimately reaches all nations through Jesus Christ. The sermon challenged listeners to examine their own responsiveness to God's call and to consider how they participate in God's mission to bless the world.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather together to study Your Word, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us today. Help us to be receptive to Your voice and willing to respond to Your call in our lives, just as Abraham did. May we not simply add You to our existing plans, but allow You to reshape our identity and future according to Your will. Grant us the courage to trust in Your promises even when we cannot see the full picture. We pray that through our time together, You would reveal how we can be vessels of Your blessing to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

If you had to move to a completely new place where you knew no one and had never been before, what is one thing you would definitely want to take with you?

Key Verses

Genesis 12:1-3

John 3:16

Hebrews 11:8

Questions

1. What do you think it meant for Abraham to leave his country, relatives, and father's house in his cultural context?
2. How does God's promise to make Abraham a blessing to 'all families of the earth' connect to the Gospel message we know today?
3. Pastor Matteo mentioned that 'faith does not simply add a spiritual dimension to an already organized life.' What do you think he meant by this?
4. Abraham built altars and worshipped as he journeyed through the promised land. How can worship be part of our journey of faith even when we don't see God's promises fulfilled yet?
5. The sermon mentioned that Abraham 'entrusts his future to the Word of God' without visible guarantees. What are some areas in your life where God might be calling you to trust Him without seeing the full picture?
6. How does the story of Abraham challenge our natural desire for security and guarantees before we obey God?
7. In what ways can we participate in God's mission to bless the nations today?

Life Application

This week, identify one area where God might be calling you to step out in faith without having all the answers. It could be in relationships, career, ministry, or personal growth. Take one concrete step forward in obedience to God's leading, trusting that His call contains the resources needed for your response. Also, consider how you can be a blessing to someone in your community or support missions work that extends God's blessing to the nations.

Key Takeaways

- God's call to Abraham was about becoming a blessing to all nations, not just personal benefit
- Faith requires trusting God's promises before seeing visible confirmation or having all the details
- True faith allows God to redefine our identity rather than simply adding Him to our existing plans
- The blessing promised to Abraham finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ and extends to all nations through the Gospel
- We are called to participate in God's mission as vessels of His blessing to the world

Ending Prayer

Lord God, thank You for the example of Abraham who trusted Your call and became a blessing to the nations. Help us to follow his example of faith and obedience. Give us courage to step out when You call us, even when we cannot

see the full path ahead. May we not be satisfied with simply knowing that You have saved our souls, but may we actively participate in Your mission to bless the world. Transform our hearts so that Your blessing flows through us to others. Help us to be known as people of 'the Way' whose lives make our faith visible. We commit ourselves afresh to Your call and ask for Your strength to follow wherever You lead. In Jesus' name, Amen.