

Week 8 Home Supplement

Scripture: Genesis 12—13

Bible Truth: God works his purposes through the people that he calls.

TEACHING POINT—DAY ONE (Genesis 11:27–32)

God called Abram—Abram lived in a pagan country that did not worship the true God. He was a full-grown, married man when one day God came and spoke to him. Abram would never have known anything about God if God had not revealed himself.

Over and over again in Scripture, we see that God is the one who calls. God is the one who speaks. God is the one who reveals himself to people who know nothing about him.

TEACHING POINT—DAY TWO (Genesis 12:1–9)

God made a promise to Abram—God told Abram to go, but he didn't say where. Yet Abram believed God and obeyed him. In obeying God, Abram left behind family and friends, and seventy-five years worth of memories.

When Abram arrived in the land of Canaan, God promised him that his offspring would possess that land. This was not because Abram was worthy of the promise; it simply was because God loved Abram and reached out to him with a blessing Abram did not deserve. God's choosing Abram, and God's promise to Abram, were by grace alone.

TEACHING POINT—DAY THREE (Galatians 3:26–29)

Where Is Jesus?—How does today's Bible story fit into God's greater plan of redemption?

Read Galatians 3:26—4:7. God made a promise to Abram that through him all nations would be blessed. Abram himself was not the one to bless all nations. The one who fulfills that promise is a descendant of Abram, Jesus Christ.

Now that Jesus has fulfilled that promise, it doesn't matter if you are born as a Jew, a Greek, an American, or any other nationality. All those who trust in Jesus are considered the offspring of Abraham, people who will inherit God's blessing.

TEACHING POINT—DAY FOUR (Genesis 12:10–20)

Abram believed and followed God's call—Abram responded to the Lord with faith and followed God's call, but he didn't follow God perfectly. Abram lied about his wife, yet God continued to protect and bless him. God's plan was bigger than Abram's sin. If our desire is to follow and obey God like Abram did, then even when our journey of faith gets hard, and we sin and make mistakes, God's grace will overcome those sins and mistakes—just as it did with Abram.