ABRAHAM: JOURNEY OF FAITH

Discussion Guide Week 1 – January 13 God's Call | Genesis 11:27-12:5

Introduction

When we understand the world in which Abraham lived, we then understand how remarkable God's call was for him. Abraham is a model of what it means to be a follower of Christ because of his response to God's call.

Read Genesis 11:27-12:8 before beginning this week's study. It would also be good to read the Hebrews 11:1-12.

Questions for Study

- 1. What are all the things that come to mind when you think of Abraham? What do you know of him from scripture?
- 2. What are the claims of Christianity, Islam, and the Jewish religion about Abraham?
- 3. What do we learn about the world in which Abraham lived from Genesis chapter four through chapter eleven?
- 4. Write down your observations from Genesis 11:27-32.
- 5. What, if anything, do we learn about Abraham's religious beliefs in Genesis 11:27-32? After you answer this question, read Joshua 24:3.
- 6. Do a study of Ur of the Chaldeans, the place where Abraham grew into adulthood. What do you learn about this city? Why is Terah's name not surprising?
- 7. How does Abraham's idolatry make God's call remarkable?
- 8. Write down your observations from Genesis 12:1-8.
- 9. How was God's call to Abraham missional in its purpose?
- 10. What application or applications do you make for your own life from this passage? How is God's call to you similar to the one given to Abraham?