

GENESIS (11:27-12:9)
Week's Reading: Genesis 1-14
Discussion Guide, August 1, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives – 2 Peter 3:11

- Last week's next step question: At least one time this week, designate 5 minutes to be silent before God after asking, "Where is one place you want me to step out in faith, Lord?" Write down what you sense God saying and report it back to the group.
 - o What have you heard God telling you?

OPEN by PRAYER

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- What do you believe faith to be?
- Do you think of faith the same way you have in years past?
- What are some wrong ideas of what faith is?
- Who is a model for you in living a life of faith?

READ and ASK: Genesis 11:27-12:9, Hebrews 11:1-12, Galatians 3:14-16

- What command and promises does God give Abram?
- Why does God promise Abram a great name when God had major issue with those involved in the tower of Babel seeking a great name?
- What do Abram's action reveal about him?
 - o How is Abram a model for living a life of faith?
 - o If you know the account of Abraham, does he always "get it right?" What does that mean to you?
- How do the New Testament texts shed light on the significance of Abraham to our story?

APPLY:

- When have you made a significant, personal sacrifice in response to God's directive?

- Living a life of faith means: we follow God's lead, we trust in God's goodness even if following him costs us something, and we leave behind holy footprints.
 - o Of these, which one challenges you the most?
 - o How has someone else's life of faith left behind "footprints" for you to see?
 - How has that impacted you?
 - How can you do the same for others? Do you think those people left behind those footprints because they were trying to please you or because they were living a life of faith?
 - Why is that a significant question?
- Has anything in this study changed your perspective of true faith?
- NEXT STEP(S): What do you think God may be calling you to do? How are you feeling about it?

Memory Work:

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

²This is what the ancients were commended for. - Hebrews 11:1

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis 15-17