

GEN. 12:1-9 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

TRUSTING THE PROMISES OF GOD - [\(SERMON MP3\)](#)

When God spoke to Abram, He was clear about what he was supposed to leave, but God was a bit vague about where Abram was supposed to go.

- *Why do you think God didn't tell Abram up front where he would be going?*
- *Why do you think God didn't extend the invitation to the entire family – Abram's father and brothers included?*
- *In what ways is this very first experience between God and Abram representative of everyone's experience with God throughout history?*
- *In what ways can you relate to Abram's calling?*

In Genesis 3, God exiled Adam and Eve from Eden, multiplied the pain of childbirth, cursed the ground so that it would produce food only through hard labor, and subjected human beings to death. How do God's promises to Abram in (Gen. 12:1-3) begin to address the components of the curse in a positive way? How do the promises to Abram begin to foreshadow redemption?

Genesis 12:1-9 is packed with promises from God. What an encouragement it must have been for Abram to hear the Word of the Lord make such amazing commitments.

- *Can you list 5 promises of God that are precious to you and plan to share them with your study group for encouragement?*
- *List the promises made to Abram in (Gen. 12:2-3, 7).*
- *How many of them did Abram get to experience to some degree in his lifetime?*
- *Did his "waiting" dissolve his faith? Look up (Heb. 11:13; Rom. 4:17-22). What effect has waiting had on your faith in the past? What can we learn from the verses listed above about faith that endures the wait?*
- *Why is it significant that the Lord gave his promises in (Gen. 12:2-3, 7) without conditions?*

Imagine if you grew up in a city, got a job, and started a family. It isn't the perfect life, but you feel like you could live in that place the rest of your life. Suddenly, God intervenes in your life with an irresistible and growing conviction that you're called to do a greater work somewhere else. When your family asks you what the work is and where you're going, all you can tell them is that you don't know. You only know that you're supposed to uproot and begin driving in the one direction you've never been before. Only then will God give you more specifics.

- *How certain would you be that your conviction is God's voice? Do you think he would really tell you to do something so disruptive and inconvenient? What would you say about the lack of specifics?*
- *How do you think your friends and family would react to your sense of calling? Would any of them be supportive? Would any of them try to talk you out of it?*
- *In what ways, if any, does this scenario reflect the life of faith for everyone?*

