THE MISSIONARY HEART OF GOD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GENESIS 12:1-9

1	Sermon Notes - GOD'S MISSION INVOLVES (Genesis 12:1-9):
2	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.
	Ø a. Why do you think God didn't tell Abram up front where he would be going?
	♥ b. In what ways is this very first experience between God and Abram representative of everyone's experience with God throughout history?
3	In Genesis 3, God exiled Adam and Eve from Eden, multiplied the pain of childbirth, cursed the ground so that it would produce food onl through hard labor, and subjected human beings to death.
	a. Read Gen. 12:1-3. How do God's promises to Abram begin to address the components of the curse in a positive way?
	Ø b. How do the promises to Abram begin to foreshadow redemption?

4	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 m 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 encagement?	
	 a How many of God's promises did Abram get to experience to some degree in his lifetime? Did his "waiting" dissolve his faith? Look up 11:13; Rom. 4:17-22).) (Heb.
	♥ b. 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 wa	uit?
5	The people destroyed in the Flood were noted in Genesis 6:4 as "men of renown" (litteraly "men of a name"). The people of Babel were stroyed for trying to make a name for themselves (Gen. 11:4). According to God's promise in Genesis 12:2, how was Abram going to be different to the stroyed for trying to make a name for themselves (Gen. 11:4).	
	• a. In our culture, how would you describe someone who is trying to make a name for themselves? What are they like? What do they do?	,
	b. Do you rely on God to make your name great, or are you striving to make a name for yourself? What evidences in your life exemplify y answer?	our
	c. How would total reliance on God for honor, legacy, and prosperity affect your current decisions and priorities?	ESTS
6	Abram pitched tents, but he built altars. That which he was building for himself was transient (tent). That which he was building for God was permanent (altars). When Abram died, the only architecture that remained from his life were altars. Some of us clutch so tightly to that which is passing away that we have no fingers left to grasp onto the things of God.	
	 ■ a. In what ways do you struggle holding tightly to the things of God and lightly to the things of this earth? Are you pitching what's temporary and building what's eternal? Give an example of each from your own life. 	
	 ◆ b. Our spiritual pilgrimage can be charted by the altars we build. If your life were charted by altars of worshipful obedience, where on your journey would we find them? What are some significant steps of faith-filled obedience and worship that you have taken along the way? Be prepared to share at least one with your study group. 	