

St Thomas' Home Group Study Notes

ABRAM

Week 1 - Called Away

Read: Genesis 12:1-9

Now also read: Gen 11:31-32.

Have you noticed, that when God's call came for Abram to leave his country, his kin, and his father's house - he had already left!

Terah, Abram's father, Abram and his wife Sarah, and Abram's nephew Lot, had left Ur to make their way to Canaan in accordance with Terah's wishes. However, when they had reached Haran, they had stopped and settled. (Gen 11:31)

After about 15 years, God's call to Abram comes (Gen 12:1). Ironically, God is calling Abram to do exactly the thing that Abram had previously set out to do - to go to Canaan - that is before he got side-tracked.

Once God calls Abram, the journey to Canaan takes on a whole new significance. Canaan is no longer simply the destination that Terah chose but failed to reach; it is the destination that God has chosen for Abram, and Abram becomes the person God has chosen for Canaan.

**Q. Why did God call Abram?
What made him special?**

**Q. What did God call Abram to do?
What did God promise Abram?**

Q. How do you discern what God wants you to do?



God's blessing

'I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' (Gen 12:3)

**Q. In what ways has Abram's obedient faith been a blessing to the world?
In what ways can our obedient faith be a blessing to others?**

Hearing God's Call

God commands Abram to leave everything that is familiar, comfortable and secure, in order to fulfil God's plan for his life.

Q. Abram was 75 years old when he received God's call. In what ways might it be easier to follow the Lord as you get older? In what ways might it be more difficult?

Q. How do you think you might feel if God was asking you to give up your comforts and your security in order to do something different?

Abram - Blessed to be a blessing

"... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Gen 12:3b).

Q. How has this promise to Abram been fulfilled?