

Discussion Questions - 12/10/23

Abram's Unbelievable Call & Blessing - Genesis 11:27-12:9

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

1. What in Abram's past made him an unlikely believer in the God of creation? How does our society and culture regard status and background as a prerequisite for inclusion? How does God regard status and background in regards to giving his blessing? What hope does this give you?
2. How does the blessing upon Abram contrast with the blessing the people at the Tower of Babel sought for themselves? What does this tell us about true greatness in God's eyes?
3. On what condition does God make the promise to Abram. What does this teach us about God's grace?
4. Abram had to leave many important things behind to obey God's call to obedience. What have you had to leave behind or what is God currently calling you to leave behind to obey his call to follow him? Read Mark 10:29-31- What does Jesus call to leave his disciples behind? What is the gain? How can the group help you in your pursuit of Jesus' call?
5. What is the significance of Abram building an altar to God? How are you currently or in what ways would you want to grow in your calling to share the good news of God with those around you? What reasons could have Abram given not to do this? What reasons get in the way of our obedience in this regard? How can the group pray for you or support you as you seek to grow in this area?