

OCF Small Groups: *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don't know Jesus, as part of a Gospel Community.*

Genesis 11: 27 – 12: 20

(Sunday, October 25)

1.
 - a. Where is “home” for you? What is it like to only know “home?”
 - b. What was like to first leave “home?” Why did you have to leave? Who or what did you take with you? What did you leave behind?

2. The first eleven chapters of Genesis illustrate man's failure and inability to save himself. In Genesis 12, God steps in and unfolds his plan to redeem mankind. God will do for us what we can't do on our own.
 - a. How does God's sovereignty bring us hope, comfort, peace, and salvation?
 - b. In what ways was the call of Abraham a new beginning?

3. Everything that God ever asks us to leave behind is for our good and our benefit. What could you separate yourself from that would move you closer to God?

4. What guidance or encouragement has God provided to you as you followed his call into an unfamiliar and frightening situation?

5.
 - a. How did Abram live by faith?
 - b. What does living by faith look like today?

6.
 - a. What does it mean to you to live by faith?
 - b. How easy or difficult is it for you to live by faith?
 - c. What are the greatest roadblocks to living by faith?

7.
 - a. Sarai was Abram's half-sister (20: 12). Does that justify Abram's half-truth? Or does the end (Abram's safety) justify the means (a lie)?
 - b. What if the end he had in mind was fulfilling God's promise?

8. Describe a time when you took matters into your own hand instead of trusting God's faithfulness. What were the results for you and others involved?

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION Genesis 12: 1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

PRAY

Heavenly Father thank you for being sovereign. Thank you for your grace and for saving me. Thank you for the gift of your Spirit and for the gift of your word. Help me to trust and follow you every day of my life – in Jesus name I pray, AMEN.