

The Stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. An Ordinary Family with an Extraordinary Calling.

Who Will You Serve?

Genesis 12:1, Joshua 24:14-15

I. The Story.

- A. The _____ of Creation.
- B. _____ (Adam and Eve)
- C. _____ resulted in the flood.
- D. God's plan of _____.

II. A Biblical understanding of family.

- A. What is family?
- B. God is the one who _____ Family.
 - 1. _____ relatives.
 - 2. _____ relatives (Luke 8:19-21), (Galatians 3:26-29)

III. The Call.

- A. One man's answer to God's call _____ the world. (Genesis 12:4)
- B. Our ordinary lives can have an _____ impact.
- C. A calling is an _____ for you to join God in what He is doing to change the world around you.
- D. Have you answered His call on your life? (2 Corinthians 5:15)

Conclusion: Joshua 24:14-15

Faith at Home:

Is God at the center of your family? Your children will be able to observe what truly is number one in your life by the way you live and the way you love. Read Joshua 24:14-15 as a family and then talk about how that looks in your family.

LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

1) What was the family you grew up in like? Do you see it as a positive experience? What was good about it and what was not so good? Have you made any changes in your current family because of how you grew up?

2) When you think of Abraham and Sarah, what kind of people do you think they were? How about Moses? What about David and Paul? Look up the following verses about some of these people. What do you learn about them?

Hebrews 11:8

Genesis 12:18-20

Genesis 3:11; 13; 4:1; 10; 13-17

Exodus 33:7-11

I Samuel 17:45-47

II Samuel 12:7-9

How is this both an encouragement and a challenge to us?

3) Who created the institution of the family? Who gets to define what a family is? What is our culture currently doing in this regard? Look up Proverbs 17:15 and Isaiah 5:20-21. How does God view this and should it concern us as a nation?

4) According to Romans 8:14-17 & Ephesians 1:5 what term does God use to describe a new family relationship? How is this family different from our natural family? What advantages are there to being part of this new family? How big is it?

5) Read Mark 3:31-34 and Luke 14:26. Which “family” is the most important, according to God? Does this bother you at all? How might our natural family treat us some day? See Luke 12:52-52; 21:16.

6) Read Philippians 3:7-15. What did Paul focus on that allowed him to consider the things of this world “garbage”? (see vs. 8, 9, 13-14) How does Paul describe such a person? (see vs. 15)

7) Read Deuteronomy 32:46-47 and Joshua 1:8. What will enable us to be successful in whatever God has called / invited us to do with our lives?

8) What do each of the following texts challenge us as believers to do?

Joshua 24:14-15

Romans 12:1

I Samuel 12:24

Have you accepted God’s calling on your life? Are there some “gods” that you need to put away so that God has your whole heart? Are you willing to pray Psalm 139:23-24 and in the context of God grace, mercy and forgiveness hear the answer?