

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – God’s Global Plan of Blessing

Focus

God’s promises to Abram/Abraham are fulfilled in Jesus and thus the blessings of God are for all those throughout the world who put their faith in Jesus.

Read

[Genesis 11:10-12:20](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What’s the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section?
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday’s sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you’d like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. What’s so remarkable about God’s call of Abram to be the source of blessing to the world? What does it teach you about the way God works?

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2. What stands out to you about Abram’s faith? (see Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-16)
3. How does Genesis 12:10-20 help us understand that the promises of God depend not on the faithfulness of Abram, but on the faithfulness of God? Does this encourage you in any way? Can you think of times when you’ve forgotten God and journeyed on in fear instead of faith?
4. How might we encourage members in the church who seem to be struggling in this way of forgetting God in their journey and thus they maybe have stopped regularly gathering with the church or reading their Bible or seeking out meaningful relationships with other Christians, etc?
5. Read Galatians 3:7-14. How does it help you understand how this passage from Genesis applies to us today?
6. Have you responded to God’s Word to leave everything and follow Christ (see Luke 9:23-24)? As we seek to share the gospel with others, how can we best communicate this to unbelievers?
7. What are some of the present and future blessings that Christians have in Christ? (see for example Ephesians 1, Romans 5, Luke 18:29-30)
8. Do you truly believe that these blessings are yours in Christ? Are you enjoying God’s blessings to you in Christ? Which promises of God are you having trouble believing? How can we spur each other on in faith?
9. Understanding that all of these blessings and promises are ours in Christ, how can we in turn be a blessing to others? Consider specifically how the Great Commission is an echo of this dynamic of being blessed by God to be a blessing to others.

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Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He’s like? If so, how so?
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?