

Best Story Ever: 3. Call (Genesis 11:27-12:9)

Text questions

1. Genesis begins at the grandest scale—the creation of the cosmos! Yet in just a few chapters, it zooms in dramatically to follow the family drama of an obscure nomad named Abram. What might be the significance of this?
2. One of the ways Genesis zooms in from cosmos to Abram is through a series of genealogies: from Adam to Noah (5:1-32), from Noah to Shem (9:18-19), and from Shem to Abram (11:10-26). What significance do you see in these genealogies, and how might they relate to God's promise in Genesis 3:15?
3. Name the seven things God promises Abram in Genesis 12:2-3. Based on what you know of the rest of the Bible, how has God fulfilled these promises?
4. Read and compare Acts 7:2-4 and Genesis 11:31-12:1. How would you assess Abram's obedience in light of these verses?
5. Where do you see Jesus in this passage?

Life questions

1. It's only after Abram obeys God and goes to the Promised Land that God pledges to give the land to him—the order is “go” (12:1) before “give” (12:7). Has God ever called you to step out in faith before you knew the outcome? How did you see Him work?
2. For God to bless Abram, he had to separate from his “country,” his “kindred,” and “his father's house” (12:1). Who or what has God required you to separate from to follow His call?
3. What can we learn about God's character from the story of Abraham?