

Missions: An Adventure In Faith

STUDY NO: 9

TOPIC: Abraham – A Blessing To All Nations

BIBLE PASSAGES: Genesis 12:1-3, 18:18, 22:16-18, 26:1-6, 28:11-15, Acts 3:17-26, Galatians 3:6-14

HOW TO STUDY THIS LESSON:

Open in prayer asking God for truth and wisdom from His Word.

Read the Bible passage

Answer the questions, writing the answers in the space provided.

Take about 3-5 minutes per question.

Fill in the "Personal Application" section

If you have time write down prayer points for members of the group.

Close in prayer.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Genesis 12:1-3, 18:18, 22:16-18 – What was God's promise to Abraham? Who would Abraham be a blessing to? Was the blessing confined to just his own family, tribe or nation?

2. What is a "blessing"? (Genesis 1:26) What does it mean to "be fruitful, multiply and have dominion?"

3. Read Genesis 26:1-6, 28:11-15 – What did God promise to Isaac and to Jacob? How did they end up being a blessing to all nations?

4. Read Acts 3:17-26 - How are the nations blessed through Abraham and through His descendant - Jesus Christ?

5. Read Galatians 3:6-14 – Who are sons of Abraham? Does the blessing of Abraham also come to the Gentiles?

6. What is the blessing of Abraham for Christians? (Galatians 3:14)

7. What curse are we redeemed from? (Galatians 3:10-14, Deuteronomy 28:15-20 & following)

8. How are missionaries taking the blessing of Abraham to the nations?

9. How are missionaries removing the curses that oppress the nations? How does the cross of Christ break all bondages?

10. How is the gospel and the gift of the Holy Spirit important for the poor and for the destiny of nations? How does it change things? (see also Ephesians 1:3, Luke 4:17-21, Isaiah 10:27)

11. How should the Church be a source of blessing to the local community and to "all nations"?

12. We are "blessed to be a blessing". How can we be a blessing outside our "home circle" or our own nation?

PERSONAL APPLICATION – a command to obey, a warning to heed, a promise to claim, a deed to do, an attitude to change....

PRAYER POINTS – Use "Operation World" by Patrick Johnstone to pray for: