

Sermon Questions

Genesis 11:10-12-4

This week we discussed God's desire to see the salvation in all the different nations that He created. Even though we often do not understand all that God is doing we certainly know that He had a plan from the very beginning. In Genesis we see that God had a plan from Noah's son, Shem, to bring about Abram who would become the Father of the nation of Israel. God chose Abram and Sarai, even though they were unlikely choices. He made a covenant with Abram that He would bless Him and make his name great. God has delivered on His promise and has not left Himself without a witness in every nation in the world. God desires all people to come into a relationship with himself. We simply need to respond through our faith in Him.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The Salvation of the Nations

Genesis 11:10-12:4

God's plan to save the nations involved...

A long-term plan from the beginning (10-26)

His clear choice of people that no one would expect (27-32)

An unconditional promise that His plan would succeed (1-3)

Those whom He called to trust Him, even when uncertain (4)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it here. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please visit bravechurch.online/connect/group and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why does God take the time in His word to show us the different genealogies? Roughly how many years were there from creation to Abram? Roughly how many years were there from Abram to Jesus Christ? Roughly how many years were there from Jesus Christ to today? So, if the Bible tells us the world is about 6,000 years old why do so many people reject that? What problems arise when people doubt the age of the universe?

2. How was Israel instructed to play a role in being a light to all the nations? What was the purpose of God's blessings and curses to the nation of Israel? How would other nations have responded to Israel's God based upon the blessings and curses? How did Israel do with being a light and witness to all the nations?
3. How has God not left Himself without a witness in every nation? When Don Richardson discovered the notion of the *Peace Child* how did it help his Gospel presentation? How good is it to know that cares for all the nations of the world? Describe how you think you may respond when you gather around the throne of God with people from every tribe, tongue and nation?
4. Read Matthew 28:18-20. Who are followers of Jesus Christ called to disciple? If we are to reach all the nations of the world then which Christians are called to missions? Why is it important to be part of a life-giving church that cares for the mission of the Gospel in all the world? What, if anything, is hindering your willingness to partner with God in the spread of the Gospel?
5. What were some of the benefits of persecution in the early church? Did God's plan to Judea and Samaria prevail? What is the significance of God's purpose in His plan of persecution? How does persecution keep us focused on mission?
6. Why did God choose Abram and Sarai? Why would choosing a pagan couple who was infertile be a good choice? How would God benefit by choosing them? What kind of talent does God need to accomplish His purposes? What then, if anything, is keeping you from taking a step of faith as God prompts you?
7. How faithful is God to His promises? What is the significance of the Abrahamic Covenant? What promises did God make? How has He kept them? How will He continue to keep them in the future?
8. Was Abram faithful to God? Was Sarai? Were they always faithful in all matters? What can you learn about faith from these two people? How does God respond to faith?
9. Where have you been prompted to take a step of faith? What is keeping you from taking that step of faith?
10. When you consider *Believe*, *Leave*, and *Receive* as ordered steps of faith what area are you wrestling with now? Why is it important to believe first? Why after you believe must you leave something you are currently enjoying? Why is receiving the last step? Why doesn't God just give us our entire direction right away? What step of faith should you take today to honor the LORD?