



WEEK FOUR: THE PROMISE OF BLESSING AND INHERITANCE

GOALS

- To celebrate that God wants to bless us and others through us.
- To affirm God's salvation given as the free and greatest gift.
- To gratefully and wisely consider how we can live in the fullness of his promise of inheritance.

TIPS

- Listen to the [audio clip](#) for more info.
- While you want to create room for discussing the theology behind blessing and inheritance (in order to gain necessary understanding), keep the conversation from becoming academic. This is a space to work out the application of these truths to people's lives.

Whatsapp: *"We're going to be exploring God's promises to bless us and give us an inheritance. This is going to be a rich time spent investigating the generosity and goodness of God's character and how he wants to share who he is with us. Take a moment to read God's call of Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3."*

HEADLINES

This week we will be looking at God's promise to bless us and to give us an inheritance. These themes beautifully reveal the heart and mission of God. He generously shares who he is with us and gives us opportunity to, in turn, share his blessings with others. He also calls us to walk faithfully with him in a way that causes us to know him better and become more like him.

PRAYER

Open in prayer.

DISCUSSION

Opening questions:

- What is the greatest gift any person or group of people has given to you?
OR, what is the greatest gift you could imagine receiving?
- Are there areas of your life where you feel that the work you are putting in does not result in the reward you believe it should?

Scripture - Genesis 12:1-3

1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

*2 "I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.*

*3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."*

Personal reflection (take a moment to write this down)...

1. What do you find most surprising or unusual about God's call to Abram? (What stands out to you in this story?) You can identify more than one thing!
2. What do you think your response would be to God telling you what he told Abram?

Group discussion:

3. What do you think Abram's fears or doubts about God's call to him may have been?
4. In what ways are God's promises to Abram about so much more than just Abram?

Scripture - someone read the following scriptures...

The blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. (Galatians 3:14)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

Group discussion:

5. What do you understand by 'every spiritual blessing' in Ephesians 1:3?
6. Read the following verses: John 15:16, Matthew 4:19, and Matthew 10:8. How are we called to respond to being blessed by God in Christ?

Scripture - someone read the following scriptures...

Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts 20:32)

God is not unjust, he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence until the very end, so that what you hope for will be fully realised. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. (Hebrews 6:11-12)

Group discussion:

7. Over and above our salvation (which is given as a gift apart from our effort) and the blessings which God gives freely to us, we are told that God wants to give us an inheritance. What role do we play in what is given to us as an inheritance?
8. What keeps us from applying 'diligence' to our walk with Christ?
9. In pairs or 3's discuss: after this conversation, what should change about the way we live tomorrow?

PRAY

- Thank God for how he has promised to bless us, and how he has taken the initiative to secure our salvation, so that he might give us every good thing through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Ask him to strengthen one another so that you might know the full extent of his grace given freely to you (Ephesians 3:16)!
- Ask him to guide you in how he wants to bless others through you. Think of those in your life to whom he would want his grace to flow. Ask him to reveal to you how you can be a means of that grace.
- Thank God for how he has invited you to walk with him. Pray for the grace required to walk faithfully and consistently with him so that you may know him better.