

WEEK 3

APRIL 30, 2023

Life Group Curriculum

Words of a Dying Man: Abraham

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INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY

God Encounters:
Share some way
you saw God
interact in your
life this week.

2

MEMORY VERSE

Genesis 12:2
"And I will make of
you a great nation,
and I will bless you
and make your
name great, so that
you will be a
blessing."

3

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 7:2-8

*"Father Abraham
had many sons,
many sons had
Father Abraham..."*

-Pierre Kartner

*"We must add that
there is no real
conflict between
the God of the Old
Testament and the
God of the New
Testament. It was
the Old Testament
God whom Christ
called "Father." It
was the God of
Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob who so
loved the world
that He sent His
one and only Son
to redeem it."*

-R.C. Sproul

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you? (Work through the questions on the back from the verses we've read)
2. How would you describe Abram/Abraham from the Scriptures? At the beginning of his journey? Mid-way through? At the end?
3. In what ways was Abraham faithful and obedient to the Lord's call? In what ways wasn't he?
4. Would you call Abraham a "hero" of the faith? In what ways was he? In what ways wasn't he?
5. Part of Stephen's argument to the Sanhedrin is that these first-century religious leaders were making the same mistakes that their forefathers had been making since the beginning. Was he accurate in his assessment? Is it still true of us today?
6. Knowing that our sinful proclivity is to not heed the words of God, to go our own way, what can we do to seek to be faithful and obedient to what Christ would have us do? (Think practical...)

WORDS

of a dying man



Questions to ask when reading the Bible

Sometimes when we read a passage in the Bible it can be confusing or we may not know how to best figure out what it is saying. Below are some good questions to ask when reading the Bible to help make the Bible make sense.

1. What stands out to me?

Note that this does not say “What does this passage mean?” Consider what stood out to you? What did you notice? What did the Holy Spirit highlight for you as you read it?

2. What does the text say about the character/nature of God?

The Scriptures are primarily about God so ask first what the text says about Him before moving to what it says about us, about His plan, or about anything else.

3. What does the text say?

Look at what the text literally says first (this may not be the intent of the text but it is important to look at it as read... at least initially).

4. How is it saying it?

What is the genre of the text and how should we read text in that genre?

5. Why does it say it that way?

Speculate about why the author chose this method of saying what they've said.

6. What is it trying to say?

Getting behind the Scripture, looking at its context, its original audience, its author, etc., what is the text trying to get across to the reader (both the original audience and us today?)

7. How does this fit into the whole of the book and the whole of Scripture?

Looking at the whole book, does what is being said jive with the whole book, with the whole of Scripture?

8. What questions do I have?

Do you have questions about the text? If they aren't answered in the text, are they good questions or are we asking questions that the text isn't meant to answer?

9. How do I feel about this teaching/text? Why do I feel that way?

What does your gut say? Are you frustrated with it? Are you trying to make it say something else than what it says? Does it make you uncomfortable? Where are these feelings coming from? Is there sin in my life I need to repent of?

10. What is the universal application of this text/teaching?

What are we to do with this text? Consider the original audience as well as us today.

11. What is my personal application?

What is God calling you to apply with what you've learned with this text?

12. How will I apply what it calls me to?

Make a plan to apply what God has taught you. Seek to be faithful and obedient to His leading, wherever it may go.