

ALL CHRISTIANS' FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
Interactive Sunday School Outline

TOPIC: Blessed to Be a Blessing

TEXT: Genesis 12:1-9

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction:

After the seeking God finds us and restores us to a relationship with Him. He sends us out. He calls us to himself so that he can—in biblical language, “**bless**” us. but he does so for a purpose. God blesses us so that we in turn can bless others. He calls us out of our security and comfort to go out to bless others so that all nations can receive his blessing. Abram (later Abraham) serves as the prototypical missionary. God calls him out from one culture to another and from his comfort zone into a world of faith and dependence on God. God promises to bless him, but he has a specific purpose for this blessing which will affect all nations.

Discussion Questions:

1. Think through your own life, when has a move or change been particularly difficult for you or What securities would you have the toughest time leaving behind in order to follow God wherever he wanted to direct you in the world?
2. What commands does the Lord give Abram (12:1)? What are the promises that accompany these commands (12:2-3)?
3. Imagine yourself to be over seventy years old. Financially secure with no dependents. Now imagine that God tells you to leave all that security and go to an unknown place. Be sincere, how would you feel? Explain why you would feel that way.
4. How would you explain the term blessing to someone else—especially someone unfamiliar with biblical language?
5. In Genesis 11:4 God judges and condemns the people who intended to build the tower of Babel in an effort to "make a name for themselves", yet here God promises to make Abram's name great (12:2). What is the difference?

6. It seems that God's call on Abram automatically included Sarai (Sarah). Abram's wife. How does God's call on someone affect their closest relations—friends, family, spouse? Discuss how a negative response from these individuals could affect the call of God in our lives.
7. After the promises and commands, Abram responds (Genesis 12:6-9). What characterizes Abram's action? How do you think Abram recognizes that he was hearing from God and not just a thought in his mind?
8. If we are the children of Abraham, what do those verses above tell us about why God blesses us. What would your testimony of His blessing to you be (consider resources, family, gifts and abilities, training experiences, and relationships)?
9. What action can you take that God might bless other people in your life and around you through you?