



Week 1
Sermon Series: Sojourners: Genesis
Sermon Title: "Who are We?"
Sermon Text: Hebrews 11:8-16
Study Handout Week of: April 10, 2022
Group Week of: April 17, 2022
Sermon Date: April 24, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Call of Abraham – Genesis 12:1-9
Day 2	Abraham Believes God – Genesis 15:1-6
Day 3	Sarah Gives Birth – Genesis 21:1-7
Day 4	Abraham a Sojourner – Genesis 23:1-20
Day 5	A Heavenly Home – John 14:1-4

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⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the central message of this passage?
- 2) Why does Abraham live in tents rather than build a permanent home?
- 3) What home should Christians today be looking for?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) "Identity" is a big part of our lives. It affects our self-image, our behaviors, our emotions, and many more things. When you think of your "identity" what comes to mind? List out the things that make up your identity below.
- 2) Of the things that shape your identity above, which have the greatest impact on your short-term plans, and which have the greatest impact on your long-term plans?
- 3) Abraham viewed himself as a sojourner even when he was living in the land God promised him. Why do you think Abraham viewed himself as a sojourner?
 - i. How does Abraham's view of himself impact your view of yourself in America today?
- 4) The writer of Hebrews explains that Abraham had faith in a better city. What does this mean?
 - i. What better city are you to have faith in? And how should faith in that city affect your attitude towards earthly homes and cities?
- 5) It is important to remember that while we walk this earth, we are not home. We are sojourners, strangers, and exiles, living in a temporary place. Have you ever lived as a foreigner before? If yes, share your experience. If no, share what you think it would be like.
- 6) Pray for God to teach you to be a citizen of heaven while living here on earth, and to walk by faith until all our promises are turned to sight.