



**WEST
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CHURCH**

Week 2

Sermon Series: Sojourners: Genesis

Sermon Title: A World Changing Call

Sermon Text: Genesis 11:27-12:9

Study Handout Week of: April 17, 2022

Group Week of: April 24, 2022

Sermon Date: May 1, 2022

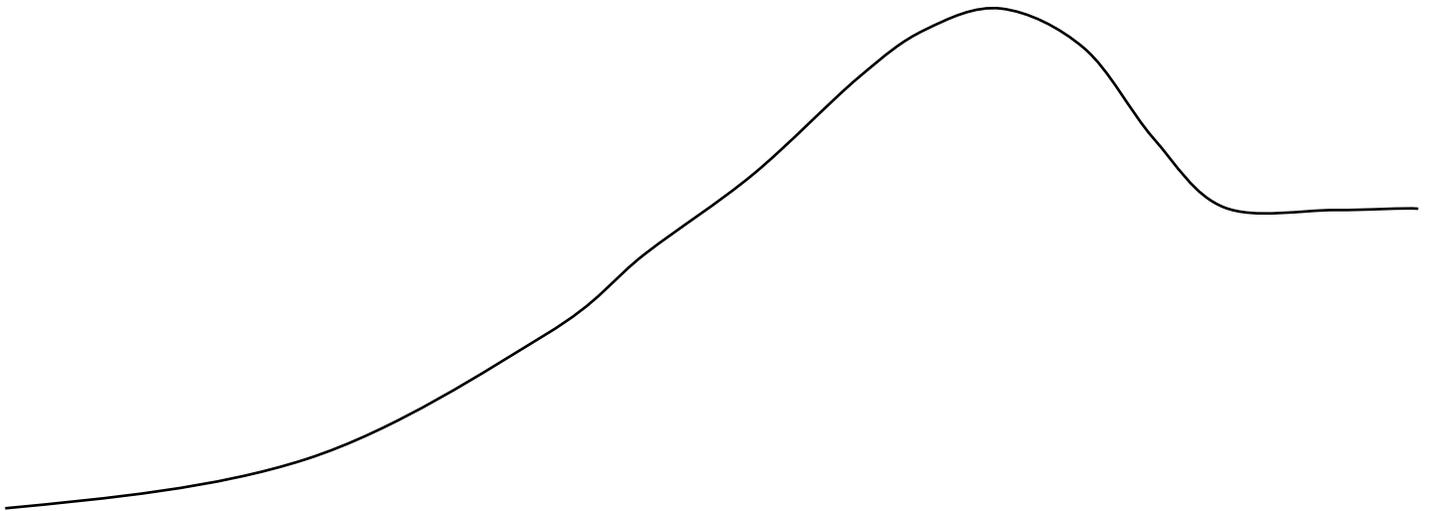
Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

Day 1	The Call of Abram – Acts 7:1-8
Day 2	The Call of the Disciples – Matt 4:18-22
Day 3	The Price of Following – Luke 14:25-35
Day 4	Faith in Action – James 2:14-26
Day 5	Ebenezer – 1 Samuel 7:1-17

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Instructions

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to His words.
- 2) Read the passage.
- 3) Using the “Story Arc” below, insert the verses according to how you see the story begin, grow, climax, fall, and finish.
- 4) Write out the main lesson of the story.
- 5) Write out some of the other lessons along the way.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is the central message of this passage?
- 2) Why do you think Terah’s story is mentioned in the story of Abram?
- 3) What details do you see as significant in the call of Abram? Why?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Following God is never easy. It often requires us to break ties with earthly attachments and relationships. What were the earthly attachments that are broken for Abram in this story, when and how, are they broken?

- 2) How, as Christians, does following God cause a separation between ourselves and the land of America? Or between ourselves and our blood families?

- 3) Based on your answer to question two, do you follow God, Country, or Family? Give support for your answer from the attitudes of your heart, and the decisions you've made in your life.

- 4) God's promise to Abram was clear on some things and vague on others. Yet all of them were outlandishly great. What would make it difficult for Abram to believe God's blessing of Him in Genesis 12? What promises of God towards you do you find difficult to believe in?

- 5) The proof of Abram's faith was in verse 4 "So Abram went, as the Lord had told him." In many ways, the call of Abram mirrors that of Peter, Andrew, John, and Paul (Matthew 4:18-22). How does following Christ resemble the call of Abram, or the disciples of Jesus? How did God's call come to your life, and how did you respond to it?

- 6) In verses 7-9 Abram journeys through the land of Canaan, from Shechem to Bethel and then to Negev. Yet in all these places the only proof that Abram lived there was found not in houses, but in altars. He lived in tents, and the only permanent structures he created were altars to God. What does this tell you about Abram's life?

- 7) We too are people dwelling in the land of Canaan, clinging to a promise. Like Abram, we are living behind monuments. Are the things you leave behind altars to the Lord or earthly homes? When you pass away, what will remain of your life? What will you leave behind and what will that say about who you followed? As you answer this question, resolve to live for Jesus in a way that echoes past your death in this life.