

"God Stories" – June 8th

Big Idea: I am an Alien on a Journey of Blessing.

We all know what is like to endure a difficult trip; there is impatience and a general discontent. Think of what it would be like to go on a trip not knowing where you are going and not sure you will ever get there. That is the challenge Abram faces as he follows the call of God.

There is a distinct challenge in living out our faith. It requires a change in identity and a change of direction. To answer the call of God is not a subtle thing. It is a drastic step but it is one that is full of Blessing! What makes the trip worth it is the gift. The gift can come in many forms but the main gift is found in God Himself. This lesson will explore the call of God. It will help us see we are "Aliens on a Journey of Blessing."

Open it: What is the most difficult trip you have taken? What are some of the things that made it difficult?

Dig It: Read Genesis 12:1-8

In verse 1 how specific are God's directions? How would you like to explain this trip to your friends or spouse?

What are some of the obstacles that immediately might come to Abram's mind? How would his culture view this?

In verses 2 and 3 God gives Abram the "blessing." How much do you think he understands about their implications? Why do you think he goes?

In verses 4-8 Abram builds two separate altars to God. What do you think is the significance of these altars?

Reflect on it: What are some of the things you hold tightly and have a difficult time releasing for the call of God?

In Hebrews 11 Abram is described as an alien. Do we see ourselves as aliens? What would it look like to be an alien?

How has God shown you blessing? How can the concept of blessing be difficult to understand?

In what ways and in what places have you experienced building an altar to God? Explain the significance of these times of reflection and renewal.

Do It: How can you this week: Release your stuff and spend some time building altars?