THE BLESSING Sermon #1 Turner Christian Church January 29, 2023

Blessing Your Neighbor

Genesis 12:1-9

The Adventure Begins

- God _____ Abraham to go on a _____. (v. 1-2)
- God promised to be _____ and ____ in Abraham's life. ^(v.2)
- God promised to _____ through Abraham in his _____. ^(v. 2, 6-9)
- God promised to _____ Abraham in his _____.
- God promised to _____ Abraham's blessing to _____. (v. 3, Galatians 3:29)

What We Have to Do

- We have to _____ our neighbors. (Matthew 28:19, John 20:21)
- We have to _____ the blessing. (Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10)
- We have to _____ God's plan. (Genesis 12:10, Matthew 6:33)

What God Will Do

- God will _____ the blessing. (Matthew 28:20, 2 Corinthians 9:8)
- God will _____ us in our mission. (Romans 8:35-39)
- God will make the blessing _____. (1 Corinthians 3:5-7, 15:58)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Have you ever had to move a long distance like Abraham? What was it like? What were the best and worst parts?

3. Why is it a blessing to have God active in your life? Is it ever a curse?

4. How do you think Canaan was blessed by having Abraham in it?

5. By definition, our neighbors are already near us. What does it look like to "go to" them?

6. Do you think of God's presence as a blessing you can share? How can you share it?

7. What fears keep us from following through on God's plan?

8. What blessings has God provided you with that you can share with others?

9. What is the difference between saying that God will protect us from everything, and saying he will protect us in our mission?

10. How is it encouraging to know that God is the one who makes blessings grow? How is it frustrating? How does it give us hope?