

FINDING OURSELVES IN GOD'S STORY

Redemption Initiated: Abraham

1. In his message, Scott commented about how we often skip straight from the Fall to Jesus or the Cross when we think or talk about God's redemptive work in the world. Would you say this has been true for you, and why does it matter?
2. In his message, Scott stated: "If we pull Jesus out of the Story in which He exists, He will make no sense. And the gospel will make no sense.." How have we experienced or encountered a story-less Jesus? How has this impacted us?
3. The doctrine of election - that God chooses some, not all - is disturbing to many. How have you made sense of this biblical reality, and how does it affect you? How would you respond to the concerns of others regarding this doctrine?
4. What difference does it make for us to know that Abram was formerly not actually a God-seeker, but an idol worshipper? How does this encourage or challenge our view of God and how He works?
5. Too often, salvation is presented and understood primarily in regard to where we go after we die. How does this "chapter" in the Story of God reframe our understanding of God's saving work? And why does this matter?
6. "Through Abraham, God is working to reverse the curse on the earth." This curse impacts our relationship with God, with one another, with ourselves, and with the rest of creation. How have we experienced God reversing the curse in us?
7. How does the story of the call of Abraham and Isreal help us to make sense of the human experience - life on earth throughout history and in our own day? How does this part of the Story help you make sense of your own story?

Praying Together

Turn your conversation to God in prayer. Name before God the ways this Story speaks to our own. Take some time to pray for the ongoing reverse of the curse in our own lives and the world around us, and pray for one another in regard to our role in God's redemptive project.

Invite anyone to share any needs or concerns, and pray together for one another.

