



SDG
Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Abraham – Person of Faith

The Promise

Read/Reflect

1. Read Genesis 11:30-12:9. What command and promise does God give to Abraham? Why? Why Abraham?
2. Consider the contrast between the family settling in Haran and Abram's movement into the unknown.
 - a. How do you feel were you to move to a new location or town (especially if its unknown)?
 - b. How does starting a a "great nation" story with a dead end like "barrenness" shape your idea of the future and your idea of faith?

Explore

3. Terah set out for Canaan but stopped and settled in Haran (11:31). Why do you think people often settle for "halfway" instead of reaching their intended destination?
4. Abraham leaves his country, his people, his father's household to follow God. What safety and security do you tend to turn to instead of following and trusting God?
5. As you assess your ambitions for the new year, where do you need to "do less" to make more room for what God is doing?
6. God motivates Abraham's' faith with a promise that through him all the world will be blessed. How can you (or your family, or your small group) shift from a self-centered faith to a "promise-centered" faith that seeks to be a blessing to others?
7. Consider the risk Abraham took to trust God's promise without any reason or qualifications to see it through. What elements of faith will you look for in Abraham's story? What elements characterize your faith?

Pray

- Confess to God the "dead ends" you have been trying to fix with your own strength or "resolutions."
- Pray for the "barren" areas of your life (dreams, relationships, or ministries that seem to have no life) and ask God to speak His promise into that chaos.