

These questions are for the May 3, 2026, message, “A Great Name, Part 2.” Please read the sermon passage (Genesis 12:1-9) out loud.

Passage Outline

The greatness of God is seen in . . .

1. The call of Abraham (1-3).
 - a. Significance: “A forward looking identity, anchored in serving God rather than self-centered successes.”
 - b. God graciously promises to make Abraham a great nation, a great name, and offer Him divine protection and blessing. Significance because of God’s grace.
 - c. In Abraham, all the families of the earth shall be blessed through the promises of God, the prophets of God, and the divine lineage of Abraham, which leads to Jesus Christ.
2. The obedience of Abraham (4-9).
 - a. Abraham went to Canaan.
 - b. Abraham makes an altar to God at Shechem and Bethel.
 - c. Even though he waited, Abraham continued to trust God (Gen 15:6).
3. Application
 - a. Current events. The Jewish people and the Palestine are contested until Jesus returns.
 - b. Tents and houses. Nothing in this world feels like home. Peace and fullness are coming!
 - c. Still waiting. You have promises and downpayments. Your inheritance in Christ is real!
 - d. Greatness: be known for knowing God. God, the very God, loves you.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. From number 1, above: We see three times that mankind rebels, and in fact, rebellion is rampant on the earth. God steps in and brings huge grace to the earth by choosing Abraham, Sarah and the Jewish people through who He blesses “all the families of the earth” (3). Talk about your thankfulness and praise for God because of His grace.
2. From number 1, above: Pray for Israel. They aren’t perfect, and God is still chastening them until the day that they honor Jesus Christ as their Messiah. Pray that all Israel receives Jesus. Pray for Missionaries serving there. Pray for your Jewish neighbors.
3. From number 2, above: Abraham obeyed the Lord even though he never saw the day that his offspring inherited (owned) the Promised Land. Abraham trusted even though he waited for 25 years for God to deliver a son through Sarah. How are you doing with obedience and trust while you wait? When you are frustrated? When you feel forgotten?
4. From number 3, above: Discuss the application points about current events, the temporary nature of our own life and the certainty of God’s faithfulness, waiting for God to bring fruit and what true greatness is really all about. Does one of these application points hit home for you? Which one and why?