

Missionaries – Part 2

Abraham: The First Missionary

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Missionaries. Our topic today: Abraham: The First Missionary

Scripture Theme Song: “You are a Chosen Generation” (1 Peter 2:9)

- 1) The Call of Abraham
 - a) Genesis 12:1-3
 - b) What can we learn from Abram’s response? Gen. 12:4
 - c) See also Hebrews 11:8-10
 - d) Why is faith such an essential characteristic for any missionary?
- 2) The character of Abraham
 - a) Genesis 13:1-9 – unselfish
 - b) Genesis 14:14-24 – courageous
 - c) Genesis 12:10-20 – intimidated
 - d) Genesis 16:1-6 – compromising
 - e) Genesis 20:1-18 – intimidated again
 - f) What lessons can we learn from the early experiences of Abram?
- 3) Learning more about the character of God
 - a) Genesis 18:1-10
 - i) What lessons can we learn from this story about the character of God?
 - b) Genesis 18:11-14
 - i) What important lesson can we learn from Sarah’s reaction and the Lord’s response?
 - c) Genesis 18:16-33
 - i) What lesson can we learn about the missionary heart of God from Abram’s conversation with the Lord regarding Sodom and Gomorrah?
 - d) Why is it important as missionaries that we have a clear understanding of the character of God?
- 4) Growing stronger in faith
 - a) Hebrews 11:8-10
 - b) Genesis 15:1-6
 - c) Genesis 22:1-8 – “God will provide”
 - d) Genesis 22:9-14; Hebrews 11:17-19
 - e) Share a time when God called you to step out in faith. How did you see God provide for you and what important lessons did you learn?
- 5) Faithful to all of His promises
 - a) The Lord made promises to Abram and He was faithful to all of them. Genesis 12:1-3
 - i) Describe the fulfillment of these promises.
 - (1) I will make you a great nation.
 - (2) In you all the families of the earth will be blessed.
 - b) What promises of God are most meaningful to you as you think about serving as His missionary in this sin-scarred world?
 - i) Psalm 32:8; Jeremiah 33:3; Deuteronomy 31:6; Matthew 28:20; Heb. 13:5.
 - ii) Other promises?