

Blessed to be a Blessing/The Triumph of God's Mission

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Genesis 12:1-3, Exodus 19:5-6,

1 Peter 2:9 and Revelations 5:1-14 | Special Message

In the space below, write down a few key points that really stand out to you as you listen to today's sermon.

- *Listen for God's heart for the lost.*
- *Listen for God's comprehensive plan to bring salvation.*
- *Listen for ways in which we must change our perspective to align our hearts with the heart of God.*

Write Down any next steps or changes you want to make in light of what you are hearing.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION

- 1. How does the Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12:1-3 lay the foundation for the church's role in missions today?**
⇒ *Reflect on the promise that all nations will be blessed through Abraham's descendants. How does this promise extend to the mission of the church, and what responsibility does the church have in continuing this blessing to the nations?*
- 2. What is the relationship between God's blessing to the church through the Abrahamic Covenant and the church's mandate to bless the nations?**
⇒ *In what ways can the church, as the body of Christ, reflect God's blessing to others? How does the Abrahamic Covenant challenge us to think about God's blessings not only for us but also through us to the world?*
- 3. How does the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant in Jesus Christ impact the church's understanding of its role in global missions?**
⇒ *Consider Matt 28:18-20, Galatians 3:8 and 3:16 - think about the authority of Christ, his great commission, and that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's promise. How do these theological truths shape our mission to reach the unreached?*
- 4. How can you overcome the temptation to focus on one's own blessings and instead live outwardly with the goal of reaching all nations?**
⇒ *What practical steps can you take to focus on one's role as a blessing to others, particularly in an era of cultural and geographic barriers to the gospel?*
- 5. In what ways does the church's mission reflect the cosmic scope of God's redemptive plan, as seen in Revelation 5:1-11?**
⇒ *What does it mean for the church to participate in God's plan of bringing every tribe, language, people, and nation into His kingdom? How should this vision inspire the church to engage in global missions?*
- 6. How should the church view its identity as a "chosen people" (1 Peter 2:9) in the context of the Abrahamic Covenant and the Great Commission?**
⇒ *What implications does being a "royal priesthood" have for the church's role in reaching out to the nations, and ministering to one another? How does the church's status as God's chosen people motivate us to fulfill the global mission of the gospel?*
- 7. What can the church learn from the example of Abraham's faith and obedience in fulfilling God's mission for the nations?**
⇒ *In what ways can we emulate Abraham's willingness to be a conduit of God's blessing to the nations? How can you demonstrate faith in action in the global mission field and in your own community?*
- 8. How does the ultimate vision of worship in Revelation 5:1-11 challenge the church's engagement with unreached people groups today?**
⇒ *Consider the vision of a multi-ethnic, worshiping community before the throne of God. What responsibility does the church have today to ensure that every ethnic group and people group is represented in this global worship scene? What are the practical ways the church can contribute to this vision through missions? Think of how this should impact our prayers, our evangelism, and our mission strategy, and our disciple-making efforts.*

