

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, March 1, 2026 (Lent 2)

Genesis 12:1-4a

Discussion Starters

1. What commands does God give to Abram and what promises does He make? What are the terms and conditions?
2. How would you describe Abram's response to the commands and promises of God? What impresses you most about his response?
3. In chapter 11 (the Tower of Babel) God foils the plans of the people to "make a name for ourselves (see 11:4). So why does God promise to make Abram a "great name?"
4. If "your actions reveal your character," what does this passage reveal about Abram?
5. Would you rather be blessed or be a blessing?
6. How do you know if God is calling you to do something?

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Discussion Starters

1. Why is Abraham such a good example for the Jews as Paul teaches about justification by faith? What is "justification by faith?"
2. Why is it important that our salvation depend entirely on faith (v. 16)?
3. So, according to this passage, can the Jews be saved?
4. What is the difference between a wage and a gift? Why is grasping the difference critically important to our faith?

John 3:1-17

Discussion Starters

1. What does this text teach you about Nicodemus? Why is it significant that he came to Jesus by night? Why was Jesus so direct with him?
2. What similarities exist between our salvation and a human birth? Between salvation and the wind?
3. According to these verses, how is one saved? How is one condemned?
4. Is the term "born again" helpful in today's vernacular? What might be other ways to describe the same concept?
5. If someone were to ask you, "how do I become born again?" what would you tell them?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?