

Sermon Notes

HIStory and Your Story

September 21-22nd, 2019

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **HIStory and Your Story**
- God has a plan for history, and for you! **Jeremiah 23:11**
- This series we go through the major events and people of the Bible. (We will miss a lot!!)
 - o Read your Bible for yourself. If you believe it and do it, your life will change for the better.
- **Abraham**
 - o No “Chosen People” at this point, but God had a plan for Abraham just like he has a plan for you!
 - o We will look at two great acts of faith on Abraham’s part, and one not so great moment.
- Two great acts of faith, and one not so great, each with 3 points for us to apply.
 - o 1) **Genesis 12:1-3**. Abraham’s Call.
 - (Abram got a name change in **Genesis 17:5** to Abraham.)
 - God says “leave what you know and go to the land I will show you.”
 - 1) We leave something behind to follow Christ. Don’t just add Jesus.
 - 2) When we leave to follow Christ:
 - o we don’t know where we are going
 - o BUT we do know who we are going with!!
 - 3) Often this takes a long time and isn’t quite what you thought.
 - o 2) **Genesis 22:1-13**. The Sacrifice of Isaac.
 - 1) Foreshadowing of Christ. **John 3:16**
 - 2) You must be willing to give up the thing most dear to you. This was a test!
 - 3) If the thing you give up is from God, you will get it back even better! **Matthew 10:37-39**
 - If the thing you give up is not from God you will get a better replacement!
 - o 3) Not so great moment: **Genesis 16:1-6, and v15-16**. That thing with Hagar.
 - 1) Abram agreed! Like Adam!! Men, you need to lead well!!
 - 2) Interesting: the promise seems to be Sarah specific. **Genesis 25:1, and v6**.
 - 3) When we don’t follow the plan correctly, we (and others) pay a price.
 - Ishmael (Arabs) /Isaac (Jews) conflict to this day!!
- Abraham is the father of faith.
 - o We need to be people of faith who follow God.
 - o Where are you in the story?
 - Gen 12: getting called out of the old life?
 - Genesis 16: Waiting too long so you make your own plan.
 - Genesis 22: Will you give up anything? Is Christ #1 in your life?
 - Remember, if you give up your Isaac, God will give you something better!
- Pray for each other before you finish up!