

Digging Deeper: Genesis — Making Sense of Mission

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THE MAIN THEME

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible tells one unified story: **God is on mission**. He is redeeming a people from all peoples to reflect His glory in every realm of life, bringing heaven to earth. Through Abraham, God initiates a covenant of promise, calling His people to leave security, trust His faithfulness, and participate in His redemptive plan. Mission begins with calling, is secured by covenant, confirmed through identity, and cultivated through faith over fear.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Genesis 12:2–3

“I will bless you... and you will be a blessing... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

WHAT NOT TO MISS

1. The Calling of Mission (Genesis 12:1–3)

God calls Abram to leave the city, security, identity, and comfort. Mission begins with obedience and spiritual transition.

2. The Covenant of Mission (Genesis 15)

God formalizes His promise through covenant. The Abrahamic covenant is a royal grant—rooted in God’s oath, not Abram’s performance.

3. The Confirmation and Cost of Mission (Genesis 17)

A new name, a visible sign, and a mark of belonging confirm identity. Covenant faith includes both promise and participation.

4. Mission Addresses Deep Human Needs

Across the major covenants (Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, New), God secures preservation, purpose, holiness, leadership, and redemption—ultimately fulfilled in Jesus.

5. Mission Is Cultivated Through Faith, Not Fear

Abram's life reveals the tension between exercising faith and exhibiting fear. Growth happens as we learn God's character and live in relational obedience.

LIFE APPLICATION

Ask yourself this week:

Where is God calling me to leave comfort in order to live on mission?

Mission always involves transition. There is an ending, a neutral zone, and a new beginning. As we learn God's nature and trust His covenant faithfulness, we move from fear to faith—participating in His redemptive story.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

MONDAY — Called to Go

Read: Genesis 12:1–4

Reflect: Obedience often requires leaving security behind.

Pray: “Lord, give me courage to go where You lead.”

TUESDAY — A Covenant of Promise

Read: Genesis 15:17–18

Reflect: God's mission is secured by His faithfulness, not ours.

Pray: “Help me trust Your promises fully.”

WEDNESDAY — Identity Confirmed

Read: Genesis 17:4–7

Reflect: God gives a new name before the promise is fulfilled.

Pray: “Shape my identity around Your covenant.”

THURSDAY — Faith Over Fear

Read: Genesis 12:10–13

Reflect: Fear distorts trust; faith builds altars.

Pray: “Strengthen my faith where fear tries to rule.”

FRIDAY — Living the Mission

Read: Galatians 3:16, 26–29

Reflect: In Christ, we become heirs of the promise.

Pray: “Use my life to reflect Your glory.”

FACILITATOR TIPS

- Ask: *“What does it mean that the entire Bible is about God’s mission?”*
 - Encourage discussion about transitions (endings, neutral zones, new beginnings).
 - Highlight the covenant structure as evidence of God’s faithfulness.
 - Invite reflection on fear vs. faith patterns in daily life.
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THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Take one step to align your life with God’s mission:

- Identify one comfort God may be asking you to leave
- Recommit to a daily rhythm of Scripture and prayer
- Build an “altar” (a moment of worship and surrender)
- Choose faith over fear in a specific situation

Then follow through.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does understanding the Bible as one mission change your perspective?
2. Why did God require Abram to leave so much behind?
3. What is the difference between a covenant based on performance and one based on promise?
4. Where do you most often struggle with fear instead of faith?
5. How does Jesus fulfill the covenants?
6. What does it mean to reflect God’s glory in “all realms of life”?
7. What spiritual transition are you currently navigating?

PRAYER POINTS

CONNECT

Thank God for including us in His redemptive mission.

CARE

Pray for those in seasons of transition and uncertainty.

CULTIVATE

Ask God to grow faith and reduce fear in your heart.

COMMISSION

Pray that our church would reflect God's glory in every sphere of life.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for being a covenant-keeping God. Help us trust Your promises, walk in faith, and participate fully in Your mission. Teach us to love You, learn about You, and live for You. May our lives reflect Your glory in every realm. Amen.