

## PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you? What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- When you think about “promises” what kinds do you take the most seriously? Why?
- After the world fell due to Adam’s sin in the Garden of Eden, the world became corrupt and broken – wars, insecurity, marital strife, and a hopeless eternity. But God, out of love, promised a suffering savior in **Genesis 3:15**. This holiday season we follow God’s promises – from Abraham to the cross. **Read Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6, 17:1-8**. What key words or themes are repeated in these passages?
- How would you summarize the promise(s) to Abraham in your own words?
- What do these passages teach you about God? His character, what He’s like? How do they move you emotionally?
- **Read Galatians 3:6-16 and 26-29**. What key words or phrases are repeated here?
- Why do you think the Holy Spirit included this passage in the Bible? What does He want to communicate?
- The birth of Jesus came thousands of years after Abraham’s promise. What does that tell you about God?
- What are the implications of believers being called “Abraham’s offspring” in Christ (Gal 3:29)?
- How does seeing Jesus’ birth as a part of a long, faithful storyline deepen your appreciation of Christmas?
- What part of God’s faithfulness in this story encourages you the most right now?
- In what situations of your life do you need to remember that God is faithful and will do what He promised?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week?

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Read 2 Samuel 7:11-16 and Daniel 7:14. What do these passages reveal about God?



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A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week as challenging or encouraging?
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- What do you think was the hardest part about Abraham trusting God?
- **Read Matthew 1:1**. Why does Matthew want us to know Jesus came from Abraham's family?
- **Read Galatians 3:16 and 26-29**. Here, Jesus is shown to be the "offspring" promised to Abraham. What do you think that means?
- How is Jesus a blessing to "all nations?"
- How does seeing Christmas as the fulfillment of a HUGE promise change the way you think about the holiday?
- If God wants His people to be a blessing to the world, what could that look like at school or with friends? What will you do this holiday season for them?
- What is one thing God wants you to do or believe from these passages or the sermon?

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