ORIGINS

CONNECT

Take some to share with your Life Group what you are thankful for this Thanksgiving season.

REVIEW

Read Genesis 12:1-3. What are some reasons that God called Abraham? The word "bless" (and its derivatives) is mentioned 5 times in these verses. How did God intend for Abraham's family to bless the nations?

Read Genesis 22:16-18; Galatians 3:16. Paul argues that Genesis does not talk about "offsprings" of Abraham but instead of the "offspring" of Abraham. What is the difference? Who is in view in Genesis 22? How does God plan to bless the nations through Abraham's offspring?

Read Galatians 3:7-9, 27-29. Because of Jesus, who is our spiritual ancestor? As such, do we also have a calling to bless others? What does it mean to "bless others"?

In our sermon we learned the importance of blessing others no matter how good or bad life's seasons may be. Are you in a "good season" or a "bad season" right now? What would it look like for you to bless others this week?

In our sermon we learned the importance of blessing others no matter our status in life. What would it look like for you to bless others regardless your status this week?

Read Genesis 47:9. What does it mean to "sojourn"? Why does Jacob describe his life as a "sojourn"? Why is this a helpful way of describing our lives as Christians? Do you have this same mindset?

STUDY

Read Matthew 5:13-16. What does it mean to be "salt and light" in the world? What is the purpose of being "salt and light" according to Matthew 5? Consider the following situations:

- You are with your family for Thanksgiving and your estranged cousin shows up. As salt and light, how should you interact with them?

- You want you children to think of more than just "presents" this Christmas season. As salt and light, how should you correct this cultural temptation?

- Someone who attends CrossWinds does not have plans for Thanksgiving or Christmas. As salt and light, how should you interact with them?