

The Bible as

ONE BOOK

THE PROMISED KINGDOM

Kingdom three! This week was good news, a welcome change from where we left off last week, in Genesis 3. Kingdom two was not good news as we learned that the Kingdom had perished. What is the best news you have heard lately? The good news of The Promised Kingdom is that God's plan to save the world had just been revealed to Abraham. It would be a long time from Genesis 12, but it would be worth waiting for! Kingdom three then becomes the first clear articulation of the GOSPEL! The good news of God working to rescue His people, which He did a few thousand years later, through Jesus.

This week, before you start the questions, read aloud Genesis 12:1-3 a couple times, and if possible remind yourselves of the three sermon points and where they come from.

1. What is a promise? What are some examples of promises we make in our world? What is a promise that you have made to someone? God's promises mean so much to us because He is trustworthy and will always do whatever He says He will. What does it mean to be trustworthy? Would people in your life say that you are a trustworthy person?

2. Another word for "promise" is "covenant". A covenant was a non-breaking promise that God often made with His people in the Bible. What was the covenant that God made in Genesis 12:1-3? Can you explain in your own words what this promise means to you? Is there a promise someone has made that you are waiting to be fulfilled? How excited are you for that?

3. In Genesis 12:1-3 God makes three promises to Abraham. Can you explain them? Can you explain what was God is promising Abraham in each one?

4. Why was God making these promises to Abraham? Was he special? How did Abraham respond to God after hearing these promises? (see Genesis 12:4-9)

5. God was going to use Abraham, and his family, to one day bring a way for Jesus to be born. How would you feel if God made these promises to you? Was Abraham excited for God to keep these promises in the future? Would Abraham even get to see these promises fulfilled? (Hebrews 11)

6. Unlike Abraham, we get to read the whole Bible and know that God did keep His promises to Abraham. God's faithfulness in the past should increase our faith in Him in the present. God eventually sent Jesus to be born from Abraham's family. Why is this important for all of us? (Romans 4:19-21; Colossians 3:13-14, 28-29) How do we get to be part of these promises because of Jesus?

7. Trusting God's promises can be hard when we don't know the details of the future. Even though God's promises to Abraham seemed impossible, God always kept and keeps His promises. What are some of the promises God has made for us in the Bible that we know of? What promises of God do you find hardest to trust?