

# The Torah

## Community Group Discussion Guide

January 10, 2016

Week 2 | God's Call

Genesis 12:1-3

### Introduction

We're in a 9-week series we've titled The Torah. In Jewish tradition, "Torah" is the name of these first five books of the Bible. It's a Hebrew word that means 'teachings' or 'instructions'. Sunday's sermon looked at God's call to Abraham and to each one of us. There are fewer questions this week because each question requires a longer answer.

### Questions for Study

1. Write down a 3 to 5 sentence summary of what you've learned about the human race in the first eleven chapters of Genesis. Then write down how this would leave you feeling if you didn't read any further in scripture. (Don't rush your answer to this. Give it the time needed to give a complete answer.)
2. Here's an interesting and informative (significant actually) thing to do: Trace the genealogy of Terah, who is Abraham's father, back to Adam. Once you've done this, then answer this question: What does it say about the desperateness of the spiritual condition of our world at the end of chapter eleven?
3. Abraham is a key player in the Bible and in God's redemptive plan for humanity. What else do we know about Abraham that impacts our world today?
4. The following statement was made in Sunday's sermon: "Without question, Abraham was a great man. This morning I'd like us to see that what made him great was the call of God on his life." Why was this true for Abraham and why is it equally true for each one of us?
5. In the first verse of chapter 12, when God first called Abraham, God said... "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you." Write down what's noteworthy about God's call to Abraham.
6. You might have missed one key thing in God's call to Abraham. Read Hebrews 11:8 and you'll see what it is. Write it down.
7. Have you ever thought or said, "God, I'll follow your call for my life. But, I need to know everything it will involve first?" What might have Abraham said to God in response to what God said in verse one?
8. Read verses two and three. Then write down what they tell us about God's call to Abraham.