



“LOOK UP AT THE
SKY AND COUNT
THE STARS—IF
INDEED YOU CAN
COUNT THEM.”
THEN HE SAID
TO HIM, “SO
SHALL YOUR
OFFSPRING BE.”

If a friend asked
you:

“What is the Bible
all about?”

What would
would you say?

Genesis 12 & 15



Lesson 3

Read Genesis 12 & 15

Sermon Scavenger Hunt

As you listen to the sermon on Sunday, see if you can discover the answers to the following questions. Show, email, or text Lauri a copy of your scavenger hunt answers for a prize!

1. Has God ever asked you to let go of your vine, your security, your comfort zone? How did you respond? This is how Dallas Willard describes trusting God. *“Do the next right thing you know you ought to do...Nothing will drive you into the Kingdom of God like trying to do the next thing that is right...because that is where God is.”*
2. In Genesis 12:1-4, how did God ask Abram to trust him?
3. What promises does God give to Abram (aka Abraham)?
4. True or False. 4000 years ago, Zoar, Arioch, and Tidal were the rulers of the land in the headlines. These guys were like the kings in *The Game of Thrones* Ancient Near East edition.
5. True or False. 4000 years after Abraham, on November 15, 2020 at El Montecito Presbyterian Church, we're still talking about Abraham.

Did you know...

"The Whirlpool Galaxy is called a grand-design galaxy, and it is made up of hundreds of billions of stars, maybe as many as 500 billion! It's an incredibly beautiful spot in the universe, and it's also a very special one. That's because the Whirlpool Galaxy is a place where stars are born - a sort of baby hospital for stars. You see, in the beginning, God created the first stars in an instant when He said, "Let there be light!" Since then stars have formed when giant clouds of space dust and gases pull tighter and tighter and tighter together until...a star is born. As each star is born, God names it and carefully places it right where He wants it to be in His universe (Psalm 147:4). Wow!"

"Scientists say a star is born every 0.0002 seconds. Some of those stars are smaller, but some are as big as the Sun or even bigger."

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6. In Genesis 15, why did God tell Abram to count the stars? Do you think you can count all the stars?
7. Does God know how many stars there are? Read Psalm 147:4-5 to find the answer. What does this tell you about God?
8. True or False. To show how important this promise was, God made a covenant with Abram, just as he had earlier made a covenant with Noah. In those days, the tradition for making a covenant was to sacrifice animals and have both people in the covenant walk between the separated halves of the animals (see Jeremiah 34:18). In effect, the parties in the covenant were promising to keep the terms of the covenant or suffer the same fate as the animals. In God's covenant with Abram, God alone went between the animal parts. This showed that God was taking all the responsibility of fulfilling the promise of the covenant. God's promise to Abram was based on grace alone.
9. True or False. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world he made a covenant with Abraham so all the people of the world should be blessed through him."
10. Abram's descendants were so numerous he couldn't count them. And through one of Abram's great, great, great...grandchildren the whole world was blessed and people from every nation became part of God's family. How did God keep this promise?
11. Do you know what we call someone who keeps his promises?
12. What is something you found interesting in Abraham's story or would like to explore more?

Prayer: Father God, thank you for your promise to Abraham to bless every people and nation through Abraham's descendants. Thank you that our covenant with Jesus is the fulfillment of Your promise to Abraham. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Memory Verse: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith." Romans 3:23-25a

"God made it, we broke it, Jesus fixes it."

Michael Williams