Unit 2, Session 2 – GOSPEL PROJECT

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAM

CORE PASSAGE: GENESIS 17:1-10,15-19

KEY CONCEPT

The almighty God makes it possible for humanity to be in relationship with Him.

DAILY READINGS

Day 1: Genesis 15:1-21 Day 2: Genesis 16:1-16 Day 3: Genesis 17:1-27 Day 4: Genesis 18:1-15 Day 5: Genesis 18:16–19:38 Day 6: Psalm 105

MEMORY VERSE

"The promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would inherit the world was not through the law, but through the righteousness that comes by faith." Romans 4:13

PERSONAL PREPARATION

THE ALMIGHTY GOD COMMITS HIMSELF TO HIS PEOPLE (GENESIS 17:1-10).

Highlight God's covenant promises to Abraham, signified by "I will ... "

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. Live in my presence and be blameless. 2 I will set up my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you greatly." 3 Then Abram fell facedown and God spoke with him: 4 "As for me, here is my covenant with you: You will become the father of many nations. 5 Your name will no longer be Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I will make you the father of many nations. 6 I will make you extremely fruitful and will make nations and kings come from you. 7 I will confirm my covenant that is between me and you and your future offspring throughout their generations. It is a permanent covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you. 8 And to you and your future offspring I will give the land where you are residing—all the land of Canaan—as a permanent possession, and I will be their God." 9 God also said to Abraham, "As for you, you and your offspring after you, which you are to keep: Every one of your males must be circumcised."

Why might we struggle to wait on God to bring His promises to pass, and what are some ways we reveal this struggle?

Why is a personal relationship with God the greatest possible blessing?

THE ALMIGHTY GOD WILL KEEP HIS PROMISES (GENESIS 17:15-19).

Circle and summarize Abraham's two statements that expressed his doubt about God's promise.

15 God said to Abraham, "As for your wife Sarai, do not call her Sarai, for Sarah will be her name. **16** I will bless her; indeed, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she will produce nations; kings of peoples will come from her." **17** Abraham fell facedown. Then he laughed and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a hundred-year-old man? Can Sarah, a ninety-year-old woman, give birth?" **18** So Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael were acceptable to you!" **19** But God said, "No. Your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will name him Isaac. I will confirm my covenant with him as a permanent covenant for his future offspring."

How can we help others trust God's Word when the circumstances of life seem to put it in question?

How does God's reaction to Abraham's laughter show us His kindness?

Three C's of Genesis 17

For each box, identify the party responsible and the recipient. Then describe the relationships between the three C's.

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How would you describe the contributions of Abraham and his promised child to the covenant God established with Abraham and his descendants?

HEAD, HEART, HANDS

Head:

How does Abraham's story help us see that we are justified by faith in Christ?

Heart:

How does the patience of God in the face of our unbelief encourage us to trust Him even more?

Hands:

What actions can you do this week as a response of faith to the grace of God given to you in Jesus Christ?

PRAYING SCRIPTURE Pray through Psalm 105:1-6