



Part 1: To Bless the World

The Christmas season often focuses on traditions, gifts, and celebrations. But at its core, Christmas answers the deeper question: Why did God send Jesus into the world? This discussion will explore the "backstory of the Christmas story," tracing God's promise to Abraham, His faithfulness, and our role as Jesus' followers to be blessings to the world.

Discussion Questions

- What's a favorite Christmas tradition or memory you have?
- Do you look forward to the Christmas season? Why or why not?
- If you were to design a Christmas card, how would you creatively express the idea of being the "reason for the season"?
- How familiar are you with the backstory of Christmas that was discussed in the message?
 - Was there anything you learnt? Was there anything that stood out to you on this hearing of the story?
- **Read Genesis 12:1-3.** How does God's promise to Abraham reflect His love for all nations, not just Israel?
 - When you hear that God's plan for Christmas started with Abraham, what surprises or challenges you?
- Abraham was called to leave his comfort zone. What does leaving "security" to follow God look like in your own life?
 - Has there been a time in your life where you've had to leave your comfort zone to follow God?
- Reflect on Galatians 4:4. Why do you think God waited so long to fulfill His promise through Jesus?
- Outside of personal experience but based on personal observation, how has the coming of Jesus blessed the world?
- The story of Christmas reminds us that when God is silent, he's not necessary still. What are the implications of that for us?
- Is there something you could do this season that could bless someone else?
 - Do you need a blessing?
- Jesus' followers are called to be the light of the world. How can you personally reflect that light in the week ahead?



Weekly Challenge

Bless someone this week in a tangible way. Choose someone in your life who needs encouragement or help and do something unexpected to bless them—whether it's paying for their groceries, giving them your time, or writing a note of appreciation. Be the light in their world.