

Discussion Questions for the Tower of Babel and the Call of Abraham

- 1.) What would be missing from the biblical narrative if we didn't have the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11?
- 2.) What would be missing from the biblical narrative if we didn't have the account of Abraham's call in Genesis 12:1-3?
- 3.) How would you describe the relationship between Genesis 11:1-9 and Genesis 12:1-3? (In other words, why does the Call of Abraham follow on the heels of Genesis of the Tower of Babel episode? What words or themes are taken up from Genesis 11:1-9 and repeated in Genesis 12:1-3?)
- 4.) List the promises God makes to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3.
- 5.) What was Abraham risking in following God's command to "go" (Gen. 12:1)?
- 6.) What do you think the risk would have been in Abraham not going?
- 7.) What God-honoring risks are you currently taking in your life? And/or, what risk(s) might God be calling you to take?
- 8.) For Bonus Points: Why does Genesis 12:3 read that all the "families" of the earth will be blessed and not all the "nations" of the earth will be blessed? When this promise is reiterated elsewhere, the word "nations" is used (cf. Gen. 22:18).
- 9.) Read these additional verses to help prepare for class discussion: **Deuteronomy 4:1-8; Ezekiel 36:16-37; Acts 2:1-11; Romans 4:13; Romans 4:16-17; Galatians 3:29**