

God Calls: A People for All



Review: God Calls is the second in our series of nine themes within the Mission of God. We have heard the full story of creation, and now focus on the call to Abraham which has reverberated throughout time as God's call to all people. As children of Abraham we are called to go, receive God's blessings and be a blessing to others. Last week we heard more about that call; about living consecrated lives, set apart for God, what that meant to the Jews and what the deep commitment it means for us.



Discuss:

- In John 12:32, Jesus says "As for me, if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." (ISV). The gospels include numerous examples of Jesus's ministry extending universally. Review, perhaps in pairs or threes, Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 9:1-10, and Luke 14:15-24. Discuss the similarities and differences in these illustrations of his love for all.
- In John 10:16 Jesus talks of "other sheep that are not of this sheep pen". Who do you think Jesus is referring to here?
- In Genesis 18:18 we are reminded that "all nations will be blessed through him" (Abraham). There are to be no limits to God's blessing. As descendants of Abraham through baptism (e.g. Galatians 3:29) what is our role in blessing all nations?
- In the current political environment and here in Eastbourne where are the opportunities for us to be a blessing to all kinds of different people?



Pray: That we may "seek the welfare of the city [Jer. 29:7]" here in Eastbourne and more widely in our country. That we may find ways of blessing people who are close to us, but also those who are far away. That where others choose to curse we have the courage, the strength and the resources to offer blessing.