

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### Genesis 12:1-9

#### For Starting

- What was the best thing that happened to you this week?
- Share about a time when you didn't receive an important telephone call. How do you feel when someone is trying to tell you something and you can't get the message?
- The Bible says that we will face trials (James 1:2, 12). Give examples of how you overcome testing times in your life?
- What ONE word stands out in this Bible passage?

#### For Reviewing

- What does God ask of Abram (v.1-3)?
- How many times does God say, "I will" (v.2-3)? Why would this repetition be important to Abram?
- Compare what God told Abram to do (v.1) with what Abram did (v4-5). What compromises were made?
- Who were living in Canaan when Abram arrived (v.6)?
- What did Abram do when God appeared to him (v.7)?
- Between which 2 cities did Abram build an altar (v.8)?
- To where did Abram continue to go (v9)?

#### For Discussion

- Why do you think v.1 says "The Lord had said"?
- True faith is based on God's promises. Discuss what God promised Abram.
- What do you think about Abram's travel? See map overleaf.
- v.8 says that Abram built an altar between Bethel ("House of God) and Ai ("Heap of Ruins"). What picture does this paint of how Abram worshipped God?
- "*It is your faith in God that determines how much of His blessings you will enjoy.*" Do you agree/disagree?
- God called Abram to obedience. How can this be applied to your life now?
- You could end by reading together Genesis 12:2-3.

## Genesis 12:1-9 (NIVUK)

### The call of Abram

<sup>1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram left, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup> Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on towards the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Then Abram set out and continued towards the Negev.

