



Pastor Derrick Shields “The Shift: Blessed to Blessing” 5/2/2021

Key Verses:

- Genesis 12:1-3, Galatians 3

Key Thoughts:

- **The goal of this series is to rethink and understand (1) God’s mission in the world better, (2) our call as a church within his mission and (3) our roles as individuals within that call.**
- **Sometimes the smallest correction can get us back on course.**
- In Genesis 1, God blesses Adam and Eve. They lived in a fruitful place and they ruled all of creation. In Genesis 12:1-3, we see that even after The Fall, God still saw fit to bless humanity. The word “bless” is used five times in these verses in some form.
- We seem to grasp the first four parts of the blessing but can miss the last part: all the people of the world will be blessed through you. This is where the shift comes in – we are blessed so that we can also be a blessing to others.
- This blessing is relevant for us because Galatians 3:6-9 says that all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of faith.
- God’s blessing is intended for those who believe in Christ and those who do not yet. It’s intended for those inside the walls of the church and outside. God wants to bless the world and use the church to do it. You’ve been blessed so you can bless others.

Ways Abraham and His Family Blessed the World:

1. By Association
 - The blessing that Abraham and his family got resulted in those close to them being blessed as well. For example, in Joseph’s story, even when he was in jail, people around him were blessed. Egypt was blessed because he was blessed.
2. By Example
 - People could look at them and see what it looked like to live in relationship with God. They grew to be one of the greatest nations ever known because of their relationship with God.
3. Because of Who We Know
 - The main way that the world was blessed was that Jesus was born into their family 42 generations later. It was because of Abraham’s descendant that the whole world became blessed.

Discussion Questions:

- What from this message resonated with you or challenged you?
- How can you personally be more of a blessing to those around you?
- Which of the ways that Abraham and his family blessed the world resonates most with you?