

Origins week 5- 10/08/23

During our sermon series called Origins we encourage you to use the book Invitation by Brian Russell. Below is a summary of the reading to accompany this week's sermon and discussion questions which you may use in your group or personal study time.

This information and Bible Project video suggestions can be found on our website at <https://www.newlifepismo.com/origins>.

READ

In the "Invitation" Book, read Chapter 4: Israel as God's New Humanity for the World

- Day 1: God Calls Abraham
- Day 2: God's Faithfulness to His Promises
- Day 3: Holiness and God's Promises
- Day 4: Privilege, Power, and the Mission of God
- Day 5: Abraham and the Gospel

In the Bible read:

- Genesis 12:1-7
- Psalm 113
- Genesis 26:3-5
- Genesis 21:1-7
- Romans 4:1-25

Ponder

Questions for journaling or discussing with a friend or group:

- How does God's call of Abraham answer the problem of human sin narrated in Genesis 3-11?
- Through Abraham, God is calling a missional community to reflect his character to the nations. Who is God calling you to reflect his character and love to today?
- How is it important for your own faith to know that God keeps his promises?
- How does faithful living (holiness) enhance God's mission?
- To what God or cause does your life point? How would your life be different if you realigned with the God of the Bible today?
- How do God's actions toward the marginalized and powerless encourage you?
- How would you live your life differently if you truly believed that your future could be empowered by God rather than limited by human traditions and power structures?
- How does the New Testament's use of Abraham (Romans 4:1-25, Galatians 3-4, James 2:14-24) show the importance of the Old Testament in telling the story of Jesus?