

Following Jesus #2 – Blessed and Invited
January 18, 2015 – Gen. 12:1-3, 2 Cor. 5:18-21

1. The second statement of our framework for following Jesus is, “I am being sent by Jesus to bless others and invite them to follow Him.”
 - a. Write in your own words what you hear this statement to include.
 - b. Where in the Bible do you see the themes/ideas you just wrote down?

Read Gen. 12:1-3

2. Who was God making the covenant with at this time?
 - a. Who was the covenant intended to be for (to bless)?
 - b. Considering how Abraham is used by Paul as an example of how to live with God (Romans 4), what does it suggest to us today that the covenant with Abram was intended to bless all people?

Read Exodus 19:1-6

3. Key in on the phrase ‘kingdom of priests’ (v.6)
 - a. The role of priest was in part to act as intercessor or as an agent of reconciliation between God and humanity. A mediator or go-between. If Israel was to be a nation or kingdom of priests, who were they to be serving as mediators or intercessors between?
 - b. What common theme do you see between this covenant instruction/desire and the covenant God made with Abraham?

Read 2 Cor. 4-5

4. What common themes do you see in these chapters describing life and calling in the new covenant that were in the two above covenants?

Scripture Memorization:
2 Corinthians 5:19-21