

SESSION 4 LISTENING GUIDE

PLOTLINE.

Knowing the plotline and timeline of the Bible will help you be a good student of the Bible and equip you to do discipleship within the Church.

Plotline:

The plotline of the Bible is found in the “John 3:16” of the Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 12 is essentially God stepping in to clean up the mess.

This passage contains a promise about a place and a people.

A summary of the Bible’s plotline: It is God’s promise and desire to **BLESS THE WORLD**.

Genesis 12:1-3

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you.”

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) In your own words, retell the stories (as best you can) that take place in Chapters 1 & 2 of God's Epic Story (Creation & The Fall).
- 2) Have somebody quote or read John 3:16. Then read Genesis 12:1-3 outloud. Why does Danny refer to Genesis 12:1-3 as the "John 3:16" of the Old Testament?
- 3) Grace is not just a New Testament concept. How is God displaying his grace by calling Abram? How does Abram display great faith?
- 4) Read the following verses out loud. John 14:23, Romans 1:5, 1 John 5:3, 2 John 6. What is the common theme?
- 5) Faith and Obedience go hand in hand. What does this mean? Share some examples from the Bible (other than Abram) where faith was followed up by obedience.
- 6) Has there been a time in your life that your faith led you to obey even though you didn't know what the outcome would be? What happened?
- 7) Is there something in your life right now where God is calling you to be obedient and you are struggling to obey?
- 8) Pray together as a group that you would have the courage to obey - no matter what.