

SERVICE OUTLINE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Ed Pennington

SONGS All people that on earth do dwell
My worth is not in what I own

CONFESSION

Our heavenly Father thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We know that this week we have not always lived the way you tell us. We have done wrong things and not done all the good things we should have done. Only you can save us, so please forgive us and help us to live as your friends. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SLOT

Nikki Kennett

SONG God's love is the best love

5-11s leave for children's church in the scout hut (they will be brought back to the hall after the service). There are also separate crèches / groups for 0-4s in the hall. Some weeks we also have a Pathfinder group for 11-15s.

BIBLE READING

Lauren Barnes

Genesis 12:1-7 p.11
(Chinese Bibles p.10)

SERMON

Extended sermon notes in simple English are available on the welcome desk for anyone who would find them helpful.

PRAYERS

Dave Prosser

SONG From the breaking of the dawn

COMMUNION

See separate sheet

SONG By faith

CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall. There is a meal for kids and any others staying on for our student group.

GENESIS 12:1-7

Introduction: a kingdom worth pursuing

Take hold of God's promises

Leave behind everything else

GROWTH GROUPS & FAMILY TABLETALK

Growth groups meet during the week. Part of what we do is to help each other think through more deeply what we learn on Sundays—and then be ready to change as a result. Here are some questions.

1. What struck, challenged or encouraged you in the teaching from God's word on Sunday?
2. What did God tell Abram to do (v1)? What, if anything, would persuade you to move away permanently from your country? friends? family?
3. What does God promise Abraham...
in v1?
in v2?
in v3?
The Bible calls God's promises to Abraham here a "covenant" - what does that mean?
4. How does Abraham respond (v4)? How is this a great example of faith? (See Heb 11:8-10 as well)

5. What things might we have to "leave" in order to follow Jesus in 2019?

Case study:

You've been sharing the gospel with George for a while now. He seems to realise Jesus' identity as the Son of God, and that the cross and resurrection can bring him forgiveness and new life. "But I'm not sure I want it", he says, "life is pretty good, and I know it will cause problems with my family if I become a Christian". How would you respond?

And here is a question for parents and children to discuss over a meal time one day...

What three things lie at the heart of God's promises to us?