



Reflect + Discuss

- What place have you visited/lived that is the farthest from where you grew up—both in terms of distance and in terms of cultural differences? What was that experience like?
- Read Genesis 12:1–3. What stands out to you from the text? What repetition do you notice? What questions do you have?
- Have you ever felt like God was asking you to step out and do something different to bless others? What did you feel called to do, and how did it turn out?
- What does it mean for us to be foreigners in this world? How can we embrace our identity of being outsiders while still engaging with our society's culture?
- How do you feel about the idea that we exist as God's people for the sake of the world? Excited? Overwhelmed? Not interested? Share more about your reaction. What does it mean for us that this mission is not about perfection but about living in relationship with God?
- Are you willing to embrace this mission of restoring the world? What are some of the main obstacles keeping you from embracing our mission as God's people?

Dig Deeper

- To learn more about the theme of blessing and curse in the Bible, check out [this video](#) from the Bible Project.

Pray

- Pray for God's wisdom in understanding what it means for you to be a blessing to the world as a child of God, while also being a stranger in a strange land.

Next Steps

- What specific steps can you take to be a blessing to others (a neighbor, a colleague, etc.) Consider your spiritual gifts; how can you use them to be a blessing? Take a new step this week to lean into the mission of restoring the world.
- Check out the [Live this Book resource page](#) for more next steps and send your questions about the message to podcast@blackhawkchurch.org.