



ACT 3 / PROMISE

ICE BREAKER

Since we live in NJ (the recently self-declared “pizza capital of the world”), what’s your perfect pizza?

READ 2020

Did this week’s scripture readings impact you in any way that you feel led to share?

After Adam and Eve’s rebellion in the Garden, humanity was in a bad place: broken relationship with God because of their sin. What would God do? God made a promise to one man and to one people, that through them (Israel), he would redeem what had become broken. The promise launched the rescue plan that is unfolded throughout the rest of the bible - revealing a God who makes a promise and keeps it, regardless of the cost. This week, we focus on the story of Israel - blessed to be a blessing by dealing with sin and revealing God to the world.

KNOW

- What was something from Sunday’s message that stood out to you, surprised you, or was new for you?
- After Genesis 12:3, the “all peoples” promise is repeated in Genesis 18:18, 22:18, 26:4, and 28:14.
 - What does the promise show us about who God is?
 - In Galatians 3:8, Paul calls the promise “the gospel in advance” (read it!). What does he mean by that?
 - How does this promise shed new light on our mission as the Church?
- Does God being “a God who keeps his promise, regardless of the cost” clash with your view of God? How so?

LIVE

- When you reflect on your life, what is a story that you’re living out of - or - living in to?
- What does the word “blessing” bring to mind for you? How is it changed by the passage and/or the message?
- What has been an ill-effect of broken promises in your life?
- What could change for you if lived like God is “a God who keeps his promise, regardless of the cost”?
- How have you been “blessed to be a blessing”? How are you living like it? How are you failing to?

TELL

- How might this week’s message inform how you tell people “the story”?

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORY? EMAIL THEM TO BIBLE@PARKCHURCHNJ.COM!

LET’S PRAY TOGETHER.

To close this meeting, break up into groups of 3-4 (M/F). Share any prayer needs that you have. Also share one way that God is convicting you to ‘be a blessing’, and take a moment to pray for one another.

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