

## Genesis 11:27-12:3 - Call and Promise

### **1) The beginning of God's plan: paganism and powerlessness**

(11:27-32)

#### **For further discussion**

- How effective have you found new year's resolutions (and resolutions at others times of the year) to be in your life in the past? Why?
- Genesis 12-25 focuses on the story of Abraham. What do we learn about his origins in 11:27-32? Where was Ur? Why mention Sarai's barrenness? How do these circumstances reflect the consequences of human sin and rebellion in Genesis 1-11 so far? Is God's choice of Abram surprising? What does it tell us about God?
- How does 12:1-2 give us a pattern for God's promised kingdom? How do we see that pattern throughout the Bible? What does it mean for us today to live under God's rule as God's people in God's place?
- How has 12:3 come true in the history of the rest of the Bible? Is evangelism an optional extra in the life of Christians and the church?

### **2) The pattern of God's plan: God's rule over God's people in God's place**

(12:1-2)

### **3) The purpose of God's plan: blessing to all people everywhere**

(12:3)