PPT Kingdom Release Series **"Basic Principles of the Kingdom"** Sunday, October 22, 2023 Senior Pastor, Dr. Janet Cook

Kingdom Principles of Abraham's Journey

Genesis 12:1-3 "1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that <u>I will</u> show you. 2 <u>I will</u> make you into a great nation. <u>I will</u> bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 <u>I will</u> bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

1. Called Out – "Leave"

1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that <u>I will</u> show you."

Jesus said this still applies:

Luke 14:25-28: "A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, 26 'If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. 27 And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. 28 But don't begin until you count the cost." NLT

The Apostle Paul said:

Philippians 3:8-9 "Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;"

Philippians 3:10-11 "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."

Leave the Kingdom of this World.

John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

1 John 2:15-17 "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

2. "Go"

Genesis 12:1 - The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, **and go to the land that <u>I will</u> show you.**"

- The Kingdom of God is all about that walk of faith.
- The willingness to let God be in control and to trust His guidance.

3. "Blessed to Bless"

Genesis 12:2-3 "<u>I will</u> make you into a great nation. <u>I will</u> bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 <u>I will</u> bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

- This is one of the key parts to the Kingdom of God: it is all supposed to be shared.
- We are blessed to bless others.
- When we share our blessings, their value is multiplied.

Hebrews 13:14-16 <u>"For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking</u> forward to a home yet to come. **Therefore,** let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God." NLT