Being a “Game Changer”

The definition of a legacy is, “A thing handed down by a predecessor”

In your life you are receiving a legacy and you will also leave a legacy. In today’s lesson we will look at the life of Abraham.

In a sporting event a game can be turned around by a player who is called a “game changer”. Game changers have existed in sports, history and everyday life.

Abraham was a game changer and legacy starter.

Genesis 12:1-4 (NIV84)

1. “The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. 2. “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” 4. So Abram left, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran”.

Hebrews 11:8-10 - 8. “By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9. By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10. for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God”.

Listed below are 5 things that help you leave a legacy and be a “Game Changer”

1. Being CALLED is a game changer
1. Abraham heard God call him to a land he was not familiar with. It is a privilege to hear God call you. We have all had a call to salvation.

**Question:** Do you remember when it happened for you? Briefly explain to the group what that moment was like.

2. **Being OBEIDENT is a game changer**
   1. Abraham was obedient to the call he received to leave his land and go to a place he did not know. It’s not enough to just hear the call, but we need hearts of obedience and action! When God finds an obedient servant, He can leave legacy with them. As a Christian you obeyed the call to repent and change and this has started a legacy in you.

**Question:** How did your friends and family respond when you became a Christian? Did anyone think you were crazy?

3. **Leaving NORMALCITY is a game changer**
   1. Abraham left comfortable Haran with his 70 year old wife, Sarah. When you became a Christian, you left your comfortable life of sin. Some one said “To have what you have never had, you will have to do what you have never done.”

**Question:** When you look back at your life before Christ, are you surprised at what used to be “normal” for you?

4. **Receiving an INHERITANCE is a game changer**
   1. Abraham received an inheritance and promise as a child of God. You also will **Receive** an inheritance. Listed below are some of the wonderful things we inherit because of our relationship with Jesus.

   a. **We inherit salvation** - Hebrews 1:14 (NLT) - 14 “Therefore, angels are only servants-spirits sent to care for people who will **inherit salvation**.

   b. **We inherit eternal life** - Titus 3:7 (NLT) - 7 “Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will **inherit eternal life.**”

   c. **We inherit the rights of the firstborn** - Hebrews 12:22-23 (NLT) - 22 “No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. 23 You have come to the assembly of God’s firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven”.


d. **We inherit the Kingdom** - Matthew 25:34 (NLT) - 34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, *inherit the Kingdom* prepared for you from the creation of the world”.

e. **We inherit all things** - 1 Corinthians 3:21-22 (NLT) - 21 “So don’t boast about following a particular human leader. For everything belongs to you 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Peter, or the world, or life and death, or the present and the future. *Everything belongs to you*”,

f. **We inherit God Himself** - Psalm 73:26 (NLT) - 26 “My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; *he is mine forever*”.

**Question**: How does knowing your inheritance change your perspective of your life and mission?

5. **JOINING** what God is building is a game changer
   1. God is building a legacy for His Son
      1. God is building a family
      2. God is building a bride
      3. God is building a kingdom

Take a minute and pray for each member of the group to be a legacy builder in their family. Don’t forget Cultivate Wednesday nights at 6:30pm.