

**Life Group Notes**  
**Sunday 21 January 2018**

**Speaker:** Sean Green

**Series:** Confident Adventures

**Title:** The Life of Abraham

**Passages:** Genesis 12:1-6

**v1 God's Call** Everything started with God speaking. It was His initiative, not Abram's. This has always been the way (Gen 1, John 1). God called Abram to leave & go, to forsake all, to exchange the known for the unknown.

**v2-3 God's Promise** is the source of all blessing. When God declares that He will do something, it is worth listening to. He promises to make Abram's offspring into a great nation; his friends will be God's friends; his enemies will be God's enemies. From Abram, all families on earth will be blessed (God's favour and protection).

**v4-6 Abram's Response** Abram believed God and obediently set out. He was 'All-in' in that he took his family and possessions, giving himself no reason to look back or return. This from a 75yr old man whose wife was barren (understandable reasons not to believe and go). And when Abram finally arrived, the Canaanites were in the land!

**Our Confident Adventure** As a church family we have much to learn from Abram. God has called us to be '*a growing, Jesus centred community, bringing God's kingdom to Reading, and beyond*'. Jesus has promised to be with us; that He is building His church; and that He will return. Our response therefore has to be 'All-in'; willing to forsake all, exchanging the known for unknown

**Your next step** as part of our church family: 1) Have faith in God. 2) Walk with us in praying and giving. 3) Bring God's blessing (protection and favour) wherever you are (Home, work, friends, family).

**Suggested questions:**

What promises of God are shaping your life?

If you can't answer the above, what can you do so that you can?

Who can you encourage to take their next step with us as a church family?