



GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Review Gospel Appointment documents and distribute people to follow-up with from planning center.***
- 2. Moreau Heights Staff Family Ice Cream Social** — This event is a chance to love on the teacher's family, especially their children of Moreau Heights. We need help manning the bouncy house, carnival games, cotton candy and ice cream. Set up will be at 5:45 pm at Ellis Porter (Riverside) Park at the large shelter. The families arrive at 6:30 pm. The event goes till 8 pm and will need help with clean up afterwards. Instead of Gospel Community we will be serving Moreau Heights Staff and their families.
- Thursday August 1st 5:45p at Ellis Porter (Riverside) Park
- 3. Planning Center** — **PLEASE** setup your Planning Center account ASAP so we can best communicate with and honor you as our volunteers. Go to planningcenteronline.com, connect to our church, and sign up for text alerts.
- 4. Covenant Membership** - Church membership is a covenant relationship. We're accountable to God & one another. Worship attendance, service, communion, the ministry of the Word, submission to elders, & holiness aren't arbitrary requirements of membership but mandatory commands of Jesus. If you want to join Soma come to our class!
- 2pm; Sunday July 28th!
- 5. Baptism** - Baptism is a clear command of the Lord Jesus Christ for all believers. This is why it is one of the ordinances of the Christian Church (the Lord's Supper being the other). Believer baptism in water reflects a prior inward cleansing (1 Pet. 3:21) when the person was born again (Jn. 3:3, 5), made a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), and offers an opportunity for this new believer to profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ publicly. If you want to be baptized please go to somajc.org/membership/baptism/
- Sunday August 18th during the Sunday gathering

QUESTIONS

We find the interactions between God and Abram continue. God speaks to him and reveals more of his plan in how it is to be. In Chapter 12, God first said “Go” He tells Abram that He will show him a land and that he will be made a great Nation. In Chapter 13, after Lot takes the choice land, God shows Abram the land that will become his descendents land. In Chapter 15, God comes to Abram in a vision and tells Him that he will have a son despite Abram’s concerns. At this point we get the first mention that “Abram believe God and He counted it to him and righteousness.” God then makes a one sided covenant that He will make these promises happen. Once more in Chapter 17, God comes to Abram and makes some major changes and unfolds another aspect of His plan.

READ GENESIS 17: 1-27

1. God came and changed His name, why did He do this? What is significant about the change?
2. When we accept the work of Christ on the cross, how does God’s view of us change?
3. Let’s be frank, what was the sign of the Covenant that God told Abraham to keep?
4. Would any man in his right mind make this up and willingly do this? Why would God ask such a thing?
5. Sarai also had a name change to Sarah, but both mean Princess. Why change the name if it doesn’t change the meaning?
6. Abraham laughed at the thought of a 100 year old man and a 90 year old woman having a baby. But God did not. He said again that Abraham and Sarah would have a son together and left. What did Abraham do after God left?
7. Sometimes God asks us to do things that don’t seem necessary or rational. God told Abraham to go and start a nation in a foreign land instead of staying in a well established area with resources, family, and friends. God told Abraham that he

would have a son as a 100 year old man with his 90 year old lady. And this is not an uncommon thing for God to ask crazy things. Noah was asked to build an Ark because the world would flood and God asked Adam and Even not to eat of one fruit out of hundreds of other foods. The choice to obey could result in a multitude of people devoted to God e, or open a door to violent rebellion that destroys the beauty of God's creation and everyone that rebellion touches.

Have you ever had to make a choice to follow the commandments of God by living a life as described by the Bible? What did the world think of your devotion to God?

8. The mark on Abraham was obvious, but was meant to signify a spiritual depth in his trust of God. What is the spiritual and tangible mark of a Christian?
9. Fun fact question. Jesus told a parable about two sons and their response to their father. How is this passage related to Genesis Chapter 17?