

Abraham and Joseph, Covenant and Kingdom

Going on a Journey: Chat with Children

- Going on a journey:
 - what do you need to know?
 - how will you get there?
 - Journeys where Abraham and Joseph didn't know the destinations:
 - all they knew is God starting them on their way...
 - *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. (Gen 12:1)*
 - *(Joseph simply "had a dream...")*
 - *Do we have to everything sorted, or are we ready to go with God, following the dream he gives us?*
 - not necessarily knowing the destination or even the route...
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Introduction

- Start of year, journey, challenge of reaching Fintry, special commission, etc...
 - what is church? who are we? what is the foundation on which we build?
- Introduction today to Genesis (foundational to and exemplar of Scriptures whole theme) and how we might grapple with it over the coming weeks
 - covenant and kingdom

Abram/Abraham: Covenant

- Recap/overview on story
 - called, invited into relationship without having done anything, grace
 - responded to God's call, followed, not knowing where it would take him...

Joseph: Kingdom

- Recap/overview on story
 - counterbalance to Abraham story - and more space devoted to it! - similarities in structure (even "account of Terah/Jacob", then son's story told...)
 - starting point is context of covenant - given a dream - honed till ready to be used by God

Conclusion

- Covenant and Kingdom
 - backbone for our journey
- Don't know our destination:
 - but we have been given our travel essentials...
 - Scriptural blueprint for life with God - covenant (knowing we are loved) and kingdom (knowing we are called)