

## Central Evangelical Church Cell Groups

---

### Fathers in the Bible

Since the subject this week was "Fathers of the Bible", with no specific Scripture reference, I have kept the questions to the subject but they are more general than usual. There are some *suggested* scriptures to look at and two simple questions about how each did as a man and as a father.

Use the questions in whatever way suits your group.

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
  
2. Adam - the first of many things - Man, Father, Zoologist, Horticulturist, etc.  
Gen 3:1-7 Rom 5:12. How well do you think Adam did in his life; would we do any better? How do you think he did as a man and a father?
  
3. Noah - Noah was a righteous man. He was blameless among the people of his time.  
Gen 6:9, Gen 6:13, Gen 6:22, Gen 7:5.  
How well do you think Noah did in his life; as a man and a father?
  
4. Abraham - demonstrated extraordinary faith, trust and obedience to the will of God.  
Gen 12:1&4, Gen 12:11-13, Gen 14:14, Gen 15:5, Gen 22:2.  
How well do you think Abraham did in his life; as a man and a father?
  
5. Isaac - In an era when polygamy was accepted, Isaac took only one wife, Rebekah. He loved her deeply all his life.  
Gen 25:21, Gen 25:28, Gen 26:25  
How well do you think Isaac did in his life; as a man and a father?
  
6. David - David loved God deeply throughout his entire life.  
1 Sam 17:26&50, 1 Sam 24:7  
How well do you think David did in his life; as a man and a father?
  
7. Joseph - the man entrusted to raise the Son of God.  
Matt 1:18-25  
How well do you think Joseph did in his life; as a man and a father?

# Central Evangelical Church Cell Groups

---

Genesis 3:1-7

New Living Translation (NLT)

## **The Man and Woman Sin**

<sup>3</sup> The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”

<sup>2</sup> “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. <sup>3</sup> “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

<sup>4</sup> “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. <sup>5</sup> “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup> The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. <sup>7</sup> At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

**Romans 5:12**

## **Adam and Christ Contrasted**

<sup>12</sup> When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

**Genesis 6:9**

## **The Story of Noah**

<sup>9</sup> This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.

<sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!

<sup>22</sup> So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

**Genesis 7:5**

<sup>5</sup> So Noah did everything as the LORD commanded him.

**Genesis 12:1-4**

## **The Call of Abram**

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

<sup>4</sup> So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

<sup>11</sup> As he was approaching the border of Egypt, Abram said to his wife, Sarai, “Look, you are a very beautiful woman. <sup>12</sup> When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife. Let’s kill him; then we can have her!’ <sup>13</sup> So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you.”

**Genesis 14:14**

<sup>14</sup> When Abram heard that his nephew Lot had been captured, he mobilized the 318 trained men who had been born into his household. Then he pursued Kedorlaomer’s army until he caught up with them at Dan.

**Genesis 22:2**

<sup>2</sup> “Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.”

**Genesis 25:21**

<sup>21</sup> Isaac pleaded with the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was unable to have children. The LORD answered Isaac’s prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant with twins.

<sup>28</sup> Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

**Genesis 26:25**

<sup>25</sup> Then Isaac built an altar there and worshiped the LORD. He set up his camp at that place, and his servants dug another well.

**1 Samuel 17:26**

<sup>26</sup> David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?”

<sup>50</sup> So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.

**1 Samuel 24:7**

<sup>7</sup> So David restrained his men and did not let them kill Saul.

**Matthew 1:18-25**

## **The Birth of Jesus the Messiah**

<sup>18</sup> This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

<sup>20</sup> As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, <sup>22</sup> for he will save his people from their sins.”

<sup>22</sup> All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,  
and they will call him Immanuel, <sup>24</sup>  
which means ‘God is with us.’”

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.