

Notes

God Almighty	
Genesis 17:1-8	December 10, 2017
Sermon Series: Promises from the Beginning	

The Big Question: What's in a name?

- 1. God's name initiates relationship.

- 2. God's name gives hope.

- 3. God's name accomplishes his purposes.

- 4. God's name brings about the salvation of his people.

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

LifeGroup Discussion

Date: December 17, 2017

Genesis 12:1-3

1. The names of God are powerful declarations of his nature, character, and power. What are some of the names or attributes of God that you have found to be most powerful in your own life?
2. Several names were given for Jesus in the Old Testament prophecies. What are some of those names and how did they predict his future ministry (hint: Psalm 2:6; 118:22, Isaiah 9:6-7, 42, 60:16)?
3. Some of God's covenants are unconditional (see Genesis 15) while others are conditional. God's covenant with Abraham in Genesis 17 is conditional. What are the conditions for God's blessing in Genesis 17? How does this particular covenant apply to us today under the new covenant?
4. God changed Abram's name to Abraham in this passage. In so doing, he refined and clarified his call on Abraham's life. How have you seen God bring greater clarity to his call in your life? What are areas of God's particular will in your life that you would like to understand better?
5. Read Matthew 1:20-21. Why was Joseph to name the child Jesus? What does Jesus's name tell us about God's desire to save sinners?
6. The name of God brings power and honor. In Antioch, followers of Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:26) because they looked and acted like "little Christs." If someone were to rename you today, what would it show about your relationship to Christ?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Isaiah 45:5a. Talk together about how this verse should help us to avoid idolatry.