

Study Aids

Discussion Questions and Suggested Readings for “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson Eight

Questions:

We have begun to see more and more that God chooses and separates out those He will use to fulfill His purpose. This is a major theme that will be continued throughout the Old Testament. This lesson records how He chose Shem, the youngest of Noah’s three sons, and ultimately his descendant, Abram.

Abram was called by God to separate himself from all the secular influences that had surrounded him. But it was to be more than a mere “separation from” those influences, it was a separation for a special purpose, a “separation to.” He was to be separated to be a blessing to all nations.

Can the practice of separation be abused and become an end in itself? Why could this happen?

In what way was Abram to become a blessing? Although this event occurred nearly four thousand years ago, do you share in this calling still today? In what way?