

Devotion #3

We Are Called

GATHER THE PLAYERS AND HAVE THEM SETTLE

READ THE SCRIPTURE

The Lord said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Abram went as the Lord directed him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran." –Genesis 12:1-4

USE QUESTIONS BELOW TO DISCUSS THE SCRIPTURE

1. What does God ask Abram to do? (N.B. this Abram has no children at this point. Later he has his name changed to Abraham)

-leave his home and go to a place where he will be a foreigner

-Abram is going have to leave everyone behind

2. What does God promise Abram?

-I will make you a great nation

-the people who bless you, I will bless

3. Are there ways that God is calling us to leave our comfort zone to serve him? Instead – Have you ever felt as if God was calling you to do something that you thought would be hard to do?

-allow them to give concrete examples such as, "talking to an unpopular kid at school", or "being attentive at Mass when others are acting up"

4. Are there things that make us scared to leave our comfort zone to follow God? Instead – What kind of things can we be afraid of happening when we do what God is calling us to do?

-allow them to give concrete examples such as, "people making fun of me" or "it's hard to do something I've never done before and I don't know what to expect", etc.

5. Is it ever hard to do the right thing when you're playing on a team? How do you feel when you do the right thing?

-like maybe passing the ball instead of taking a shot, or coming out of the game when it the coach takes you out

PRAY IN THESE OR SIMILAR WORDS, OR INVITE A PLAYER TO LEAD PRAYER

Father, in the name of you son, Jesus Christ, give us the strength to trust you. Help us to leave behind the things that make us comfortable and cling to you and love you above everything else. Please send your Holy Spirit into our hearts to strengthen us to face this challenge. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.