

BLESSED FRIEND

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. Summarize Abraham's (Abram) life from Genesis 11:27-32. Is there anything particularly outstanding about his life?
2. Discuss the idea that it is always God who initiates a friendship with us (verse 1). See also John 15:16. What does this truth reveal about God?
3. "God is not our buddy, but our friend." What do you understand this statement to mean? Do you agree?

4. Verse 2 says God would bless Abraham so that he would be a blessing. What lesson(s) do we learn about how we should approach God's blessings on our lives?

5. Discuss the importance of ongoing surrender in our relationship with God?

III. Making it Personal

6. In the light of John 15:14, how much of a friend of God are you? What are two steps you can take to deepen your friendship with God?
7. What stood out to you most from this week's study?

IV. Prayer