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“Abraham in the Preaching of the Early Church”

Acts 3:25; 7:2-8; 13:26

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1. The offer of salvation comes to the Jews first because of the promise made to Abraham. (Acts 3:25)
2. Abraham's lack of land inheritance reveals an important principle in how God works. (Acts 7:2-8)

3. The children of Abraham's family in far off places are offered the gift of salvation. (Acts 13:26)

Table Talk

- 1) How have you experienced a "delay" (not in God's timing, of course, but in yours) in seeing God's promises fulfilled in your life? What helps you to continue to trust God in that season? (see Acts 3:13-26) How do we learn about "how God works" from Stephen's speech about Abraham?
- 2) What does Stephen include about Abraham's life? What does he leave out? How does that reveal how God works? (see Acts 7:2-8)
- 3) What things in your world are likely less important than you think? What things in your world are likely more important than you think?
- 4) How can we avoid the trap that wherever we are is most important to God? Why should we be careful about statements like how long we've been going to a church or how long one has been a Christian?
- 5) How does the brief mention of Abraham in Acts 13:26 reveal a wonderful offer from God? What happens to us when we reject a wonderful offer from God? Is God's plan thwarted by such rejection? (see Acts 13:46-47; 28:27-28)