

## Lesson 1 – Placed for Purpose - Leader Guide

Opening Discussion:

*Leader - Open with small group introductions*

Play Lesson 1 Video (0:00 – 5:30)

*Leader - Pause as directed to answer the following questions:*

- What has been your experience with the Bible?
- Overall, what do you think the Bible is trying to communicate?

Restart Video (5:30 – 9:23)

*Leader - Have someone look up Genesis 12:1-2 and read it through 2x*

Restart Video (9:23- 13:36)

Video Discussion:

*Leader - Hopefully participants will recognize that God entrusted Abraham with the opportunity to partner with Him based on Abraham's obedience. Abraham obeyed, walked 1,000 miles and stepped onto the stage where God wanted to tell His story - in the center of the world. God's plan was for His people to be His witnesses to a watching world!*

- Looking at the geography, why do you think God wanted His story on this particular stage?
- What was God's purpose for Abraham and His family in this place?
- What did Abraham have to give up in order to be obedient?
- Look up + read Isaiah 43:10-12
- What does Isaiah state that God wants the world to know?

Restart Video (13:36 – End)

Post Round Table Video Discussion:

*Leader – In this discussion, emphasize that each of us has a stage where God has uniquely gifted us, called us and placed us in order to represent Him and bring shalom to chaos.*

- Is there a time when you have shifted your perspective on your everyday rhythms? As you stepped into that, how did it go?
- Where has God placed you? What opportunities do you see there? Who or what comes to mind?
- What did Abraham have to believe about God to “lech lecha”? What do we need to believe about God in order to “lech lecha” and step out on mission in our various settings? What keeps us from that?

*Leader - As we conclude, let's look at our role and how our story sits within the bigger story. God has given us the instruction of bringing shalom to chaos and being his witnesses! In light of that, how can we pray for each other this week as we shift our perspectives?*