

## **In the Beginning - Week 2**

### *Israel*

C.S. Lewis said, "It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

1. Do you agree or disagree with C.S. Lewis' commentary about humanity? Why do you agree or disagree?
2. Read Genesis 12:2-3. What does God promise to Abraham? Why is it so important in the Bible's overall story? How does Jesus fit into or fulfill the story of Abraham?
3. Read Jeremiah 2:13. What was God saying about Israel?
4. Read Ezekiel 36: 27-28. Why is Ezekiel's description of the New Covenant so important in light of Jeremiah 2:13?
5. Why is it so easy for us, as people, to settle for things? What are the easiest areas in your life for you to settle for less than what you could have? What needs to change for you to not settle in these areas. Spend some time praying for each other as you share.