

Abraham and Sarah

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Review

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Key Scriptures: Genesis 11:27–31; Genesis 17:11; James 2:23

Discuss

1. Read Genesis 12:1–4. What do you think it was like for Abraham to leave his country and his people to travel to a new land to serve God? What do you think was going through his mind as he traveled?
2. Like Abraham, was there anything you had to leave behind when you said yes to following God?
3. Abraham came from a family that served idols, yet God called Abraham out to serve Him. Were you raised in a Bible-believing home or a secular home? How does God call us out of worldly ways to follow Him?
4. Abraham struggled with doubt even though God made a promise to him. Have you ever wrestled with doubt about something God told you?
5. How does Abraham's tithe to Melchizedek show his faith in action? How does it require faith for us to tithe to God?
6. How does Abraham's negotiation about Sodom and Gomorrah show his humanity? Have you ever negotiated with God as you prayed for something or someone?
7. Although Abraham and Sarah experience moments of doubt, they still received the promise. How has God been faithful to you even when you've wrestled with doubt?
8. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- God is fun.
- God is faithful.
- God is in control.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are righteous because of what Jesus did, not because of our own works. Help us not to try to earn our way to divine living but help us rely on Jesus to lead us in lives of godliness. We acknowledge You as Lord and Savior. Forgive us for the times we fall short like Abraham and Sarah. We trust You with every area in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader Tip

As groups get off to a great start, sit down with a calendar and plan for the next few months. Plan some group nights to just do fun activities. Plan when you will meet with new potential leaders in your group. Plan when you will take a break and let someone else facilitate. It is always smart to set a vision for your group at the beginning and then make plans to see your vision become a reality.

Group Dynamics Idea

Take 5 to 10 minutes at the end of the group to pray a blessing over each person. You don't have to know what they are going through unless they want to share, but this is a great way to pray for everyone while also helping no one to feel put on the spot.