



Life Group Study

God With Us (Abraham – Genesis 12-25)

Ice Breaker – Abraham’s life is clearly portrayed as a FAITH journey.
In what ways has your life been a FAITH journey?

Scripture Reading – Hebrews 11:1-19

Introduction

In Hebrews chapter 11, Paul outlines the faith hall of fame. He writes more about Abraham than any other Old Testament character. In the New Testament, Abraham is pointed to as a “faith” role model by Jesus, Paul, and James. In your Life Groups this week, examine the life of Abraham. What was it about Abraham’s life that warrants so much attention in both the Old and New Testaments?

Read Hebrews 11:1

Paul defines faith as: “confidence in what we hope for and assurance of what we do not see.”

If someone were to ask you to define faith in your own words, what would you say?

Read Genesis 15:1-6, Romans 4:1-3

What was Abraham trusting God for in Genesis 15:6?

Why does Paul reference this in Romans 4:3?

Read Genesis 22:1-14, Hebrews 11:17-19

What insight does Paul give us concerning thought process of Abraham when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac, his only son, the promised heir?

Has God ever asked you to do something that lead to a crisis of belief? If so, how did you respond? What was your thought process?

Quote: "When you struggle to understand God's ways, continue to trust in His character."

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In His book Experiencing God, Henry Blackaby writes about "spiritual markers." These markers are God's track record in your life. By the time God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, God had established quite a track record in Abraham's life. Therefore, Abraham's faith was rooted in God's character and in the past ways God had worked in his life.

Group Discussion Questions:

Recall God's track record in your life. Do you see any parallels to the life of Abraham?

How does this add value to your faith?

What can we learn from Abraham's life that is relevant to the Christian experience today?