



Group Discussion Questions

Genesis Series - Abraham - July 27 & 30, 2017

What is one of the most difficult things your parents ever asked you to do, either as a child, teen or adult? What was that difficult for you?

Read aloud: Genesis passages on sermon notes, (you may choose to look up references in your Bible because the passages in the sermon notes have been shortened for lack of space.)

What would have been the most difficult part for Abraham when God commanded him to leave Ur and move to Canaan? What about the most difficult for Sarah? What do you think their conversations about this move were like? Abraham was 75 years old when he made his move do you think it's easier to move at a younger age or older age? Why? Have you ever had to have conversations about important moves? What were the stressful parts of the move?

Isn't it interesting, in Genesis 15, Abraham was pronounced righteous, not for any particular action, but for simple belief that what God was telling him was going to come true. We come to God the same way Abraham did, by putting our faith in God's Son Jesus Christ. When we accept Jesus we are pronounced righteous by God because all of our past, present and future sins are forgiven. When did you accept Jesus as your Savior and how did that happen? Was there a great sense of forgiveness or relief you experienced?

Think about how worship of God had gone through Genesis 1-11. Genesis 4 says Cain slew Abel because Abel worshipped correctly and Cain was jealous and angry so he killed Abel. In Genesis 8:20 Noah worshipped correctly. In Genesis 11 Babel occurs because of wrong worship. So in Genesis 22 God teaches Abraham not to worship with human sacrifice but provides a ram to sacrifice and worship correctly. Today we worship God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. What parts of Church are worship to you and what does it mean to you and how does it impact you? What is God expecting of you in worship?

Read Hebrews 11:8-19. From your sermon notes: How is considering God faithful, reverence? How is obeying God being resolute? How is believing God's promises being reliable?

Family Time: Abraham was commanded by God to name his son Isaac (Gen. 17:19) and his name means "laughter" because when God told Abraham his wife would have a son she laughed at the idea. Talk to your kids about why you chose the name you chose for them.