

Abraham and Sarah: Leaning in to the New

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Genesis 12

1. What was God's promise to Abram? What was Abram's response?
2. What reasons for not going/fears might Abram have had over God's call?
3. What fears do you have about God's call on your life? Why?
4. If Abram doesn't go, what is different? What doesn't happen?

Read Genesis 16

5. When have you had to wait a long time for God's promise to come to pass? How did you cope? What made it hard? What helped you persevere in hope?
6. Why did Sarah suggest Abraham sleep with Hagar? What was Sarah trying to achieve through this?
7. What were the short-term results of this? What longer term implications and results did this have?
8. Have you ever, like Sarah, tried to speed up the fulfilment of God's promise to you? How did you attempt this? What happened?
9. Looking at your life, where do you see God moving to fulfil his promises where perhaps, at the time, you didn't? What changed your perspective?
10. What new things has God done in your life that have led to others hearing the good news about Jesus?
11. What new thing, what uncertain thing is God asking you to lean into and trust him over at the moment?

Prayer points:

- Pray for the plight of refugees, the homeless, and the displaced around the world.
- Pray for the two families from Afghanistan here.
- Pray for the people of Morocco (earthquake) and Libya (flooding).