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Direction determines Destination. But we don't reach our destination overnight. It takes time and consistency. So many times we think we should be leaps and bounds from where we are. But the reality is that following Christ isn't about huge leaps, but by walking with Him daily—a walk that involves steps, not leaps. Getting closer to our desired destination is about small steps we make every day—steps of obedience, steps in relationship with Him. Getting closer to Jesus isn't about huge leaps... but small, consistent steps.

BIG IDEA: Following Christ is about steps, not leaps, because every step you take today is moving you closer to what you are becoming tomorrow.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between a leap and a step?
2. How do you think you grow spiritually—in small steps or gigantic leaps? How do you think you grow physically—in small steps or gigantic leaps?
3. *Read Genesis 5:21-24.* What do you think it means when it says, “Enoch walked with God?” What does it mean that, “God took him away?” Why Enoch of all people (read Hebrews 11:5)? Is his experience unique?
4. *Read Genesis 6:5-12.* Why did Noah find favor in God's eyes? List the three characteristics of Noah found in verse 9. What do you think it means when it says, “Noah walked with God?” How is Noah contrasted with everyone else living on earth at the time? (6:11-12)
5. *Read Genesis 12:1.* Abram's story begins with God's call to follow him. In what ways has God directed your life thus far?
6. God didn't specify exactly where he wanted Abram to go, yet Abram stepped out in faith. Describe times when you stepped out into the unknown. How did you feel not knowing where the next step would lead?

God called Abram to take a small step of faith. God didn't show him the big picture, and didn't even tell him where he was going to end up—He only said, “Start packing.” So Abram packs up, and takes one step of obedience towards God.

7. *Read Genesis 12:1-3.* God called Abram leave his identity, his means of survival, his means of livelihood, and his comfort. Are you ready to follow God wherever he leads you? What would keep us from following God?
8. *Read Genesis 12:4 and Genesis 21:1-5.* Does everything just fall into place for Abram? Does he experience the promise and the blessings of God overnight? How long did Abraham have to wait for God's promise?

*The rest of Abram's life isn't just one big leap forward. Abram chose to pack up and step towards God's blessing every day for the next 25 years! God told Abram to **do something**, and Abram **does it**, and the more steps Abram takes towards God, the more Genesis 12:2 is taking shape. **Because every step you take today and determines your future tomorrow.***

9. Have you ever set a goal or a made a resolution that you somehow failed to keep? What happened?
10. Have you ever been discouraged because you weren't able to be the Christian you “should be”?
11. What advice could you give to yourself about your struggle? Does God reject you when you fail to meet your own standard or a standard that someone else has created for you?
12. What daily steps do you need to take to get closer to God this week? Once we know the next step to take, how can we help each other take those steps?

THINK ABOUT IT

The way you get from where you are to where you want to be is one step at a time.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, think of one goal that you have for your spiritual growth. What is your first step in trusting God with the direction of your life?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8