Small Group Guide: Abraham and Sarah - A Life Well-Lived Based on Genesis 23:3-9 and the Life of Sarah November 15, 2025

Discussion Questions

- **1. Living in Two Worlds How do you currently interact with "the world" (your workplace, neighborhood, marketplace)?
- Where do you find yourself on the spectrum between isolation from the world and being too immersed in it?
- What does it practically look like to be "in the world but not of the world" in your daily life?
- **2. Reputation and Character The sons of Heth called Abraham "a prince of God among us." What does this tell us about Abraham and Sarah's reputation?
- How would your neighbors, coworkers, or acquaintances describe you? Would they see God reflected in your life?
- What specific character traits make someone stand out as different in a positive way?
- **3. Staying Spiritually Healthy The message compared staying spiritually healthy to avoiding COVID infection—being present but protected. What practices help you stay "inoculated with the Holy Spirit"?
- What are some "pollutants" from the world that you need to be careful about? (gossip, materialism, New Age practices, me-focused thinking, etc.)
- How can we help each other maintain spiritual balance?
- **4. Taking God Out of the Box In what ways do you sometimes put God in a box by limiting what you believe He can do?
- Abraham and Sarah never saw the full fulfillment of God's promises in their lifetime. How does this challenge or encourage you regarding your own unanswered prayers?

- **5. Living as Ambassadors What does it mean to be an "ambassador" of Yeshua in practical terms?
- How can we represent God's Kingdom well without compromising our faith or becoming judgmental toward others?

Key Takeaways

- 1. We are called to interact with the world while maintaining our loyalty to God. We can't fulfill our mandate to make disciples if we isolate ourselves completely.
- 2. Our reputation matters. Abraham and Sarah's godly character earned them respect even from people who had no obligation to respect them.
- 3. Balance is achieved through the Holy Spirit. We don't have to be fearful of the world—we have been equipped by God to be His representatives.
- 4. God's ways are higher than our ways. We may not see the fulfillment of His promises in our lifetime, but we can trust His timing and methods.
- 5. We must ask God to help our unbelief. All things are possible for those who believe, and God invites us to ask for help strengthening our faith.

Relationship Building:

- Intentionally engage with someone outside your faith community this week with the goal of showing respect and Yeshua's love (not necessarily evangelizing).
- Pay attention to your reputation: Would someone call you "a prince/princess of God"? What might need to change?

Abraham and Sarah lived well not because they were perfect, but because they remained loyal to God even when they couldn't see the full picture. They built a reputation that pointed others to the One True God. How will your life—right now, in this season—point others to Him?