



Community Group Discussion Guide
“Courage to Face a Contrary Culture” – Genesis 20:1-18
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Main thought:

Courage to face a contrary culture comes from trusting God rather than allowing our fear of others to control us and lead us to compromise.

Ice-Breaker

- Share your favorite school lunch growing up.
- Bonus question after initial Ice-breaker:
 - Has anyone had an opportunity share their faith with someone recently? If so, please share. If not, let's move on to the discussion questions.

Questions

1. What stood out to you from the message this week? Why?
2. Abraham believed in God, but struggled to trust God in this particular situation. Where do you see the tendency for people to believe God generally, but struggle to trust Him specifically? Is there an area of your own life where this is true?
3. Abraham was focused on protecting himself, but his decision put Sarah and Abimelek's household at risk. How can fear turn us inward and cause us to overlook the impact our choices have on other people?
4. The message gave four takeaways for courageously engaging a contrary culture. Which one did you most need to be reminded of, and why?
5. One of the takeaways was, “Don't let fear compromise your convictions”. How can we hold firmly to biblical convictions while still demonstrating genuine love and compassion toward people who disagree with us? Can you think of a situation where you've had to practice this?
6. Abraham struggled to trust that God was in control and felt like he needed to manage the situation himself. Where are you currently tempted to control an outcome that you need to entrust to God? What would trusting God look like in that situation?
7. This week, where might God be asking you to courageously represent Jesus rather than sell out or lash out? What would courageous faith look like in that specific situation?

Prayer: Take some time to pray for each other.