

CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Abraham: A Journey of Faith with a Faithful God

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Big Idea: God's delay is not God's absence

- Ice Breaker: What is one ordinary part of everyday life that causes you great impatience if it suddenly takes too long?

Key Points

Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon.

- God's delay is not God's absence
- When we run ahead of God, people often get hurt; and hurt people often hurt people
- Seeking God is often the remedy for running ahead of Him - take time to seek Him before moving forward
- When no one else sees you, God does
- Impatience is not the problem; the problem is how we respond to impatience
- It is important to tell God when you are feeling impatient, and pray for Him to enable you to accept His timing

Discussion Questions

Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below.

- What was your biggest takeaway? What stuck out the most or moved you on a personal level?
- Did anything bother you? What questions did you have?

Making it Personal

Review with your group the impact this week's sermon made on you personally.

- What is the longest amount of time you've had to wait for something, and what is this something?
- Has there been a time when you sought God before making an important decision, and He spoke to you clearly about what you should do? Share about this if comfortable doing so.
- Have you ever become impatient with God because you felt like He wasn't answering or wasn't moving quickly enough?
- Have you ever made a decision because you were tired of waiting and later realized you had gotten ahead of God?
- How can impatience affect the people around us?
- What does it look like to feel impatient without acting on your impatience?
- The sermon mentioned, "When we run ahead of God, people often get hurt." Can you think of a situation where your impatience led to consequences that affected other people, not just yourself?
- Hagar called God "the God who sees me" (El Roi). Share about a time in life when you felt seen by God, and about a time when you felt invisible to Him.

Scripture Review

Revisit some of the scripture passages from this week and discuss the questions below.

- **Genesis 16:1-16**
- What is the significance of the name Hagar gives to God?
- Why does Hagar despise Sarai? How do Hagar and Sarai's actions/reactions reflect human nature?

Diving Deeper

Use the verses below to dive into other passages of scripture that relate to the primary scripture passage from this week's sermon.

- **Old Testament:** Genesis 29:20, Psalm 15:18, Psalm 34:15, Psalm 139:1-3, Exodus 3:7-8, Isaiah 49:15-16, Habakkuk 2:3
- **New Testament:** Matthew 6:25-35, Romans 12:12, Romans 8:25, James 1:5, 1 Peter 3:12, 1 Peter 5:6-7

Application & Action

Genesis 16 reminds us that waiting can expose what is happening in our hearts. When we are tired of waiting, we can choose to bring our impatience to God, seek His direction, trust His timing, and remember that He sees us.

Recognize: What Is Waiting Revealing?

- When you are forced to wait, what tends to surface in you—fear, frustration, control, disappointment, anger, doubt, or something else?
- Is there something you have begun to believe about God because of a long season of waiting? Is that belief actually true?

Seek: Don't Run Ahead

- Is there a decision you are currently considering where you need to pause before acting and seek God?
- What could seeking God look like in that situation—prayer, Scripture, wise counsel, waiting, or something else?
- What is one decision this week where you can intentionally pray before you move forward?

Respond: What Will You Do With Your Impatience?

- Think about something you're currently waiting for. What is your impatience tempting you to **do**?
- What would it look like to tell God honestly about your frustration rather than acting out of it?
- What would it mean for you to pray this week: "God, enable me to accept Your timing, not mine"?

See: Who Might God Be Asking You to Notice?

Hagar's story reminds us that while Sarai saw a problem and a solution, God saw a person. He saw Hagar, called her by name, heard her misery, and cared about her.

- Who around you might be feeling unseen, unheard, or forgotten right now?
- What is one simple way you could help someone feel seen this week—a conversation, encouragement, a meal, a text, an invitation, or simply listening?
- How might remembering that God sees you change the way you see other people?

Take the Next Step Together

- Part of the gift of being in a group is the opportunity to be seen by others. Each of you take a turn naming one thing you have seen and appreciate about someone in your group. Be as specific as possible – instead of "you are caring", name a specific way you have seen that person care for another – "I saw and appreciated the care you showed when you called to follow up on a concern I had mentioned". As you receive what someone shares with you, resist the urge to minimize or explain it away, receive it with a simple "thank you".

Two-minute Takeaway

In response to this week's message, commit to taking two minutes each day to take a step closer to God.

Encourage someone who you sense might feel “unseen” – either by God or by others. Share a kind word, send an encouraging text, a note of appreciation, or spend some time with them.

Prayer

Close your group time together with prayer.