

CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Abraham: A Journey of Faith with a Faithful God

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Big Idea: Live by faith

- Ice Breaker: What is something you believed would never work, but it actually turned out great?

Key Points

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

- Faith receives what works can never earn: righteousness
- Faith is how we receive eternal life and have a relationship with God, not through anything we do.
- God alone passed through the pieces of dead animals, showing the covenant was sealed by God.
- The faith that saves us is the faith that shapes us.
- Faith doesn't silence our doubts, fears, and failures. It just doesn't let them have the last word. God's promise does.

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.

- Share about a time you took a tremendous leap of faith. What was the situation, and how did it turn out?
- Is there something you have asked God to change about you, and He has? How did this change come about?
- How does it make you feel to know that Abraham could have questions and doubts while still trusting God?
- Have you ever experienced a season when you had questions for God but still chose to trust Him?
- Which is harder for you personally: trusting God with something you cannot control, or obeying God when you know what He wants you to do? Why?
- God says to Abraham in Genesis 15, "I am your shield, your very great reward." When did God act as your shield in a very real way?

Scripture Review

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

- Genesis 15:1-18
- What does Abraham's first question reveal about what he was struggling to understand?
- How does God respond to Abraham's questions and doubts?
- Why is it significant that God alone passed between the pieces of the covenant?

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:** Habakkuk 2:4, Joshua 21:45, Numbers 23:19, Psalm 9:10 & 37:3-7, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 41:10

- **New Testament:** Romans 3:22-24 & 4:22-24, Hebrews 11:1, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 5:20-23

Application & Action

The faith that saves us is the faith that shapes us. Living by faith means receiving what God has already done, taking the steps we can take, and trusting God with what only He can do.

Receive: Trust What God Has Already Done

- Do you tend to think you need to earn God's approval, or do you find it easy to receive His grace? Why?
- Is there an area where you need to stop striving to prove yourself to God and simply receive what He has already given you through Jesus?
- What would change in your relationship with God if you lived from the belief that you are already loved and accepted because of what Jesus has done, rather than trying to earn His approval?

Trust: What I Can't Control

- What is something in your life right now that you cannot control but find yourself trying to control anyway?
- What would it look like this week to open your hands and trust God with it?
- What truth about God can you remind yourself of when you are tempted to take control again?

Release: What I Can't Produce

- Where are you trying to produce something through your own effort that ultimately only God can produce?
- Are there areas where you're trying to manufacture patience, peace, generosity, humility, love, or another quality rather than depending on God to grow it in you?
- What practical step could you take this week to stay close to God and allow Him to do the work in you?

Walk: Let Faith Shape You

- If the faith that saves us is also the faith that shapes us, what is God currently inviting you to trust Him with?
- What is one habit, attitude, or behavior where you want to become more like Jesus?
- What is one step you can take this week toward that change while trusting God to do what you cannot do yourself?

Take the Next Step Together

- How can this group pray for and encourage you as you take the next steps you identified above?
- How can this group help each other remember God's faithfulness and ability to be the One to bring about these changes? Perhaps share about His faithfulness in the past and consider journaling how he is changing you presently.

Two-minute Takeaway

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

Theologian Dallas Willard said, "Grace is not opposed to effort; it is opposed to earning." In the end, only God can make us more patient, more loving, more generous, more humble. We don't produce it. We receive it, by faith. Focus on one habit, attitude, character trait, or behavior in your life you really desire to see change. Spend 2 minutes each day asking God to change it. Find a Bible verse that encourages you to not give up as you wait on the Holy Spirit to do a new work in you. Read this verse each day, posting it in a location where you will look at it often, or consider committing it to memory.

Prayer

Close your group time together with prayer.