CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Abraham: A Journey of Faith with a Faithful God
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Big Idea: We don't drift into spiritual maturity; we pursue it.

- Ice Breaker: Have you ever made the same mistake more than once, even after telling yourself, "I'm never doing that again"? What happened?

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

- We don't drift into spiritual maturity, we pursue it
- Even people of great faith continue to sin
- Fear was a factor causing Abraham to habitually sin by lying about Sarah
- If long-time followers of Jesus don't continually pursue growth, we're more likely to fall back into old patterns
- To become mature we need the attitude that no one has arrived, no one has met spiritual maturity
- To become mature we need to take the action of pressing on and straining in our pursuit
- To become mature we need the ability which comes from the power of the Holy Spirit

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 something you pursued with great effort, energy and intent? Did you get it?
- The sermon described several patterns people can struggle with repeatedly, including fear, worry, anger, pride, gossip, and control. Which of these do you think can be easiest to overlook in our own lives? Why?
- Paul acknowledged that he had not yet arrived spiritually, even after years of following Jesus. What can make it difficult for longtime Christians to recognize that they still need to grow?
- The sermon described three aspects of pursuing maturity: our attitude, our action, and our ability through the Holy Spirit. Which of these do you find most challenging in your current walk with God?
- The sermon emphasized that spiritual growth involves both intentional effort and dependence on the Holy Spirit. How do you balance taking responsibility for your growth with trusting God to transform you?
- If someone who knows you well was asked how you have become more like Jesus in the last 6 months, what changes might they identify?

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

- Genesis 20:1-2, 11-13, Genesis 12:11-15, Philippians 3:12-14
- Genesis 12:11–15 and Genesis 20: What similarities do you notice between Abraham's actions in these two passages? What do these repeated mistakes reveal about the relationship between years of faith and spiritual maturity?

- Philippians 3:12–14: What words or phrases does Paul use to describe his pursuit of spiritual maturity? What does it mean to "press on" toward becoming more like Jesus, and why is it significant that Paul acknowledges he has not yet arrived?

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:** Psalm 51:10-13, Psalm 139:23–24, Proverbs 4:23, Ezekiel 36:26–27, Isaiah 12:2, Jeremiah 17:7
- **New Testament:** Romans 12:1–2, Galatians 5:16–25, James 1:3–4, 1 Corinthians 14:20, Colossians 2:6-7, Hebrews 12:1–2, Ephesians 4:11-14, 2 Peter 3:18

Application & Action

Our past spiritual growth does not guarantee future growth. Like Abraham, we can fall back into old patterns when we stop intentionally pursuing God. Paul reminds us that we have not yet arrived, but we can keep pressing on as the Holy Spirit transforms us to become more like Jesus. This week, choose one specific step to help you pursue spiritual maturity.

- **Reflect – When was the last time I prayed?**
    - When was the last time you set aside focused time simply to talk with God about your emotions, needs, and the needs of others?
    - What is one practical way you could make intentional time for prayer this week?
- **Receive – When was the last time I let God speak through His word?**
    - When was the last time you slowly read Scripture and asked God to show you something new?
    - What could you change about your time in God's Word to create more space to listen and respond?
- **Recognize - When was the last time God showed me something about myself?**
    - When was the last time you learned something new about yourself through reading Scripture or spending time with God?
    - Is there an attitude, habit, or response God may be inviting you to examine or change?
- **Repent - When was the last time I responded to conviction?**
    - When was the last time you sensed God convicting you of a particular sin? How did you respond?
    - Is there an area where you need to acknowledge your sin, ask for forgiveness, and take a step in a different direction?
- **Remember — When was the last time God changed me?**
    - How specifically has God changed you in the past six months or year?
    - If you are struggling to identify recent growth, what is one area where you want to invite the Holy Spirit to bring about change?

Two-minute Takeaway

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

Take two minutes each day to intentionally pursue spiritual maturity. Read a few verses slowly, pray honestly, sit quietly before God, or ask the Holy Spirit to show you one area where you can become more like Jesus.

Prayer

Close your group time together with prayer.