CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Abraham: A Journey of Faith with a Faithful God
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Big Idea: How you prepare for God's promise determines how you live in His promise

Ice Breaker: What is something you were really excited to receive, accomplish, or experience? Was it everything you expected?

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

- God's perfect promise doesn't mean a perfect life.
- Bitterness that takes root during the waiting can remain even after the waiting is over.
- If we don't acknowledge and express our bitterness, it will eventually express itself through our words, attitudes, and actions.
- Life comes down to a question of, "Do I trust God or not?"

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.

- Have you ever experienced something you waited a long time for, only to discover that getting what you wanted didn't make everything perfect?
- Have you ever tried to take control of a situation because you are tired of waiting on God?
- Why do you think we sometimes have difficulty appreciating what God has given us because we're focused on what isn't quite right?
- Have you ever found yourself struggling when someone else received something you deeply wanted?
- Is there a blessing in your life that you have started to take for granted?
- Why can it be difficult to admit our disappointment, frustration, or envy to God or to someone we trust?
- Abraham's trust wasn't perfect or uninterrupted. He experienced seasons of trusting and wavering, then choosing to trust again. How does that encourage you in your own relationship with God?

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

- Genesis 21:1–13: Verse 1 says, "Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said." What does this tell us about the foundation of God's faithfulness?
- What does this story teach us about the importance of acknowledging what is happening in our hearts before it affects our relationships?
- What does this tell us about the role of God's grace and Abraham and Sarah's story?

Diving Deeper

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

- Old Testament: Psalm 27:13–14, Psalm 37:3–7, Psalm 42:5–11, Psalm 55:22, Proverbs 3:5-6, Lamentations 3:21–26, Isaiah 40:28–31
- New Testament: Matthew 6:25–34, Romans 8:24–28, Romans 12:12, Galatians 6:9, Philippians 4:6–7, James 3:13–18, James 5:7–11

Application & Action

Waiting on God can expose some of the deepest places in our hearts. Disappointment, comparison, and bitterness can begin to shape how we see God, ourselves, and others. But we don't have to pretend those feelings aren't there, nor do we have to take matters into our own hands. We can bring our honest feelings to God, remain in relationship with Him, and learn to trust His goodness even when we cannot see what He is doing. As we abide in Him, He continues to shape our hearts while we wait.

- **Recognize** — Where Am I Struggling with Disappointment?
    - Is there an area of your life where you have been waiting for something, or where something you once hoped for hasn't turned out the way you expected?
    - Are there ways you have allowed disappointment to overshadow the good things God has already placed in your life? What might it look like to bring that honestly before Him?
- **Express** — What Am I Holding Inside?
    - Is there disappointment, frustration, envy, or bitterness you have been trying to ignore or push aside? What makes it difficult to acknowledge?
    - What would it look like to honestly express those feelings to God through prayer, journaling, or a conversation with someone you trust?
- **Trust** — Am I Learning to Trust God in the Waiting?
    - When you think about what you are currently waiting on, what is hardest for you to trust about God? His goodness, His timing, His love, or something else? What would it look like to trust him in this situation?
    - When your trust begins to waver, what helps you return to God and remind yourself of who He is?
- **Plant** — What Seed of Trust Can I Sow Today?
    - What is one small, intentional way you can demonstrate trust in God while you wait?
    - How might you continue to abide in Jesus, remain attentive to His presence, and allow Him to shape your heart during this season rather than allowing the waiting to consume you?

Take the Next Step Together — Plant a Seed of Trust
As a group, take a few moments to consider an area of life where you are waiting on God. Like Abraham, we may not know how long the waiting will last, but we can choose to trust Him today.

- If comfortable, share an area where you need to trust God, without feeling pressure to share details you would rather keep private.
- Identify one practical way you can remain connected to God during this season, whether through prayer, Scripture, worship, or simply making space to be with Him.
- Pray for one another, asking God to help you release bitterness, trust His goodness, and remain faithful even when the outcome is uncertain.

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 bring whatever you are waiting on to God. Be honest about your disappointment, express your fears, and remind yourself of His faithfulness. Rather than trying to figure out when or how He will answer, practice resting in His presence and trusting Him with the outcome. Plant a seed of trust today, even if you cannot yet see the tree.

Prayer
Close your group time together with prayer.