



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: *Genesis 12:10-13:1*

Introduction: In this passage Abraham leaves the land of promise to sojourn in the land of Egypt. Here Abraham ignores God's promises and acts in unbelief. This has terrible consequences. Yet in spite of Abraham's sin God delivers him. Ultimately this passage challenges us to consider the root of unbelief and the importance of trusting in the Lord.



Into the Word

Where in this passage does Abraham act in unbelief? What motivated Abraham in these moments? *Compare: Abraham's actions with God's promises in 12:1-3.*

Note: Abraham replaced God's "I will" promises with "I must" actions.

What were the consequences of Abraham's unbelief? Who was affected by this?

Read Proverbs 3:5-8. What does this passage say is the root of unbelief?

How does God demonstrate His faithfulness to Abraham in this passage? Can you think of other times when God demonstrated His faithfulness to His people?

Consider: 2 Corinthians 1:20

Note: The fullest expression of God's faithfulness is the resurrection of Jesus.



Into the Heart

How might unbelief express itself in our lives?

Consider: *Jeremiah 9:23-24*

Note: Everyone has faith. We always place our trust in someone or something.

Read Lamentations 3:25-27. Why is it good that we learn to wait on the LORD?



Into the World

When has God demonstrated his faithfulness to you in the past? How might the spiritual habit of journaling help us wait on the LORD?

Where in your life is God calling you to wait on Him? How might ignoring God affect the way you approach this circumstance? How might waiting on the LORD affect the way you approach this circumstance?