



## **Growth Group Discussion Guide**

**Passage:** Genesis 15

**Introduction:** In this passage God comes to Abram who is fearful and doubting. Abram questions the LORD about His promises but God assures Abram of his protection, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Ultimately this passage encourages us to see how the LORD provides us assurance when we are fearful, doubting, or in need of forgiveness.



### **Into the Word**

In verse 1 the LORD says to Abram, “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield”. What does it mean that God is Abram’s shield?

Compare: 2 Samuel 22:2-4

In verses 2-3 Abram questions God’s promises. How does God respond to Abram’s doubt?

Note: Notice what God says and what God does.

**Compare verses 6 with Galatians 3:6-9.** What does it mean that God counted Abram as righteous based on his faith?

Note: What is Imputed Righteousness?

In verses 7-21 God establishes a covenant with Abram. What is significant about only God passing through the animal parts? How does this ceremony point to Christ?



### **Into the Heart**

**Read Psalm 20:7-8** What brings you stress or fear? What are the “horses” or “chariots” you are tempted to trust? How do these things fail?

Consider: Hebrews 2:15

How does the doctrine of imputed righteousness comfort us when we are in need of forgiveness for our sin?



### **Into the World**

How can we be a community that is welcoming and gracious toward those who are struggling with their faith?

Compare: Jude 22

How does God use the worship service on Sunday to strengthen our faith?

Consider: God’s Word spoken and God’s Word displayed (e.g. communion).