



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Genesis 21:22-34

Introduction: In this passage Abraham is approached by the pagan king Abimelech. Based on Abimelech's past experiences with Abraham he acknowledges that God is with Abraham but also that Abraham is not trustworthy. To ensure peace with one another Abraham and Abimelech make a covenant. Ultimately this passage challenges us to consider our witness in the world and whether we are known as those with whom God is with.



Into the Word

In verse 22 Abimelech acknowledges that God is with Abraham. What has Abimelech learned about God from his past experiences with Abraham?

Consider: Genesis 20, especially verses 17-18

In verse 23 Abimelech asks Abraham to take an oath. Why does Abimelech ask Abraham to take an oath? What was Abraham's reputation with Abimelech and his tribe?

In verses 25-32 Abraham's tribe experiences injustice. How does Abraham respond? How might this have affected Abraham's reputation?

At the end of this passage Abraham is found worshiping the LORD in the land of the Philistines. How does Abraham end up becoming a blessing to Abimelech and his tribe?



Into the Heart

Like Abraham, we have been blessed by God in order to be a blessing. What is your reputation with the unbelievers in your life? What hinders you from being a blessing in their lives?

Note: Consider what hindered Abraham from being a blessing to Abimelech.

One aspect of our witness in the world is how we respond to injustice. How do you often respond when people sin against you? How does a deeper sense of our union with Christ change the way you respond to injustice?

Consider: 1 Peter 2:19-21



Into the World

If you were to leave your neighborhood would you be missed? If Grace Church were to leave our neighborhood would we be missed? Why or Why Not?

How can you be a blessing to those that God has placed you among? What is one thing you can do this week to begin living like this?

Consider: Jeremiah 29:7