



January 14, 2018 God's Covenant with Abraham

For the Facilitator - During the week before the meeting, review the story and the questions. Do an internet search on any issues you might anticipate. This week's story is from two sections of Genesis. You may ask two people to learn the stories. During the telling you may have the first tell and then rebuild and then do the second. It is up to you, the leader.

Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- Last week we talked about the Tower of Babel. What has changed in your life because of what you learned last week? Are there any more thoughts on that story?
- How are your relational investments going?

Ask a "hook question" to get the group going.

- What have you been asked to do by a boss that you did not understand?

Share background for the story.

This week we will look at two stories in the Bible that talk about God's call and covenant with Abraham.

Tell the story with your Bible open on your lap – Genesis 12:1-9 and 17:1-8. This week's stories are about God's call to Abraham.

Group members rebuild the story one piece at a time.

Read Genesis 12:1-9 and 17:1-8 out loud. Were there any important details left out of the telling or retelling of the stories?

Discuss these questions:

1. What do you learn about God in these stories?
2. What do you learn about the characters?
3. What stood out to you in these stories?
4. How does it make you feel that God had greater dreams for Abraham than Abraham ever had for himself?
5. How does that fact that God fulfills his promises affect you?

Ask someone to retell the story.

Assign next week's passage. Genesis 21:8-21. Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away.

Close in Prayer.