**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of November 4, 2021

Abraham: Righteous Belief Gen. 15

**Big Idea:**We can process questions planted in God’s promises sealed by a covenant we cannot break.

**Goal:**Learn to turn to God’s promises & covenant even when questions creep in.

**Prepare**

This week we're diving into *Genesis 15*asking God to teach us to look to His promises & covenant even when questions creep in. The personal preparation time & discussion are meant to help us flesh out what we've learned through the sermon and apply it more thoroughly in our lives together.

**Watch**Pastor Ben's sermon,*Righteous Belief*, noting anything memorable and impactful as you go. You can take notes in the FBC app if you'd like.

**Read**Genesis 15, Galatians 3:1-6, James 1:1-4

**Pray:**Father, teach us to honestly bring our questions to You, clinging to Your promises & covenant whatever may come.

**Connect**

1. Talk about a person God used to change the course of your life.

**Discussion**Take some time to personally reflect on these questions after viewing the sermon and before your G2. It could make for a great morning devotional time! You can type and save your responses in the FBC app privately if you would like.

1. God gradually revealed His big plan to Abraham. Compare your experience with God thus far to Abraham's.
   1. How do you cope with not knowing God's plan for you ahead of time?
   2. **Read James 1:1-4.**Sometimes we experience periods of darkness on the path of God's big plans for us which can bring up questions and even cause our faith to begin to falter. What in your thought patterns or actions tends to clue you into your faith beginning to falter a bit?
   3. What helps you stay grounded and secure in those times like Abraham's starry night?
2. How has Genesis 15 informed your understanding of the Gospel?
   1. How does Genesis 15 help you address the reality gaps in your life when circumstances don't seem to match God's plans and promises?
   2. What other Bible passages have most impacted your grasp of the Gospel?
3. We've been talking about decisions a lot during this series. How does your one-sided covenant with God impact your decision?
   1. What do you think God has or is calling you to in faith?

**Closing Prayer** This prayer section is a guide to help you process with God what you've learned about Him and yourself through the sermon, personal preparation time, and discussion, then seek the Holy Spirit's power in applying it in your life. Sharing these responses in your G2 will help others gain insight into God & themselves while also helping and encouraging one another toward growth.

**Admire**: What have you learned about God through this sermon, discussion, and Scripture? Praise Him for it.

**Admit**: What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you as areas where you are falling short? Confess it to God.

**Aspire**: What is a specific change you want to see in your life or action you and/or your G2 could take based in this time of interaction?

**Ask**: Keep track of requests & celebrations from others in your G2 & pray for them.