Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of February 27, 2022

Abraham: *The Story of Your Life*. Gen. 25

Big Idea: Abraham's life tells the story of faith in a faithful God.
Goal: Take time to reflect on the story your life will tell.

<u>Prepare</u>

This week we're diving into *Genesis 25:1-18* asking God to help us reflect on the story our lives should tell. The personal preparation time and 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 Shawn's sermon, *The Story of Your Life,* noting anything memorable and impactful as you go.
Read Gen 25:1-18; Heb 11
Pray: Father, help us reflect on the story our lives will tell as we review Abraham's life story and consider the next step in our own stories.

<u>Connect</u>

1. At what point in your life did you realize you were not the main character?

2. Share your favorite story in 1 minute or less.

<u>Discussion</u> 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. Share how God's promises to you which you will inherit prior to physical death strengthen you now.

    a. Share how God's promises to you which you will not inherit until your physical death strengthen you now.

2. Abraham dealt with "reality gaps" throughout his life. Reality gaps are circumstances when the promise did not seem to align with his immediate reality. Recall some of these from Abraham's life.

    a. Talk about your current reality gaps and/or some you have faced previously and how you handled them?

    b. How has this study changed the way you are facing reality gaps?

3. How has this study increased your understanding of God, His great plan of redemption, and our part in the plan?

    a. How has it shown you more clearly your need for the Gospel?

4. List the 3 most important truths from the life of Abraham which have impacted you during this series.

5. What story do you want your life to tell?

6. What step of faith is God calling you to take in this season of your life?

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

Admire: What have you learned about God through this sermon, discussion, and Scripture? Praise Him for it. **Possible response:** God, we praise You because You are always faithful.

Admit: What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you as areas where you are falling short? Confess it to God. **Possible response:** God, we confess our tendency to faithlessness.

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? **Possible Response:** God help us take the next step in telling a great Gospel story with our lives!

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