

Flourish: Week 2

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Message Summary

This week, we looked at the life of Abraham and his extraordinary example of trust in God. Abraham was called to leave his home and go to an unknown land, trusting that God had a plan for him. God promised to bless Abraham and make him the father of a great nation. Even when Abraham couldn't see the full picture, he trusted God step by step. Through this journey, we learn that following God means walking into the unknown, trusting Him with our future, and recognizing that we are blessed to be a blessing to others.

Icebreaker Ideas

1. What's Your Go-To Song?

Ask each person to share their favorite song to listen to when they need a mood boost or just want to relax. It's a great way to learn about music preferences and can spark some fun discussions.

2. Favorite Weekend Activity

Have everyone share their favorite way to spend a weekend, whether it's a hobby, relaxing at home, or doing something adventurous. This helps people connect over shared interests and gives insight into how they recharge.

Key Scripture(s)

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed...

Genesis 21:1-2

The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would.

Genesis 22:2

“Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.”

Hebrews 11:19

Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again.

Talk About It

1. **What part of Abraham’s story stood out to you the most?** Why did it resonate with you?
2. **Abraham trusted God without knowing the full plan.** Is there an area in your life where you feel God is asking you to trust Him more? What’s holding you back?
3. **Abraham was blessed to be a blessing to others.** How can you use the blessings in your life—whether time, talents, or resources—to bless others?
4. **Abraham believed God could do the impossible.** Have you ever experienced God’s faithfulness in an impossible situation? How did it impact your faith?

Ways to Pray:

1. Ask God to help each person in the group trust Him more in their personal journeys, especially in areas where they feel uncertain or hesitant.
2. Pray for the ability to be a blessing to others, asking God to open doors for the group to impact others with the blessings they’ve received.
3. Pray specifically for any situations shared in the group where members need to trust God with the unknown, asking for strength, peace, and guidance.