

PATRIARCHS: PURSUING A PROMISED PEOPLE

GENESIS 12-50

PURSUING DIALOGUE

Fostering interaction
and initiating
conversation

1. What stood out to you from the sermon or Bible readings?
2. What is something you learned about God in this section of Scripture?

PURSUING DISCOVERY

Understanding
God's Word and
its place within His
redemptive story

Please read through the relevant material in the "Section at Glance" prior to answering these questions with your group.

1. What did God promise Abraham as part of His covenant? How do you see God keeping this covenant throughout this section of Scripture?
2. How did God demonstrate faithfulness to this week's Patriarch during difficult times? How did they respond to His goodness?
3. Where do you see each Patriarch undergoing a transformation in their identity after encountering the Lord? What did their names mean and how is that significant?
4. In what instances did God's choices and purposes defy societal norms or the Patriarchs' expectations?

PURSUIING DEPTH

Reflecting on the Word and Character of God in pursuing heart transformation

1. Choose a Patriarch. Which aspect of this Patriarch's story resonates with you the most, and why? What were their concerns and how did they see God's faithfulness in their lives?
2. The Patriarchs each encountered God in deeply personal ways, leading to transformations that often reshaped their lives and identities. How have you seen God transforming your identity? Are there worldly identities you're beginning to let go of as a result?
3. Throughout Scripture, God's plans often defy the Patriarchs' expectations (e.g., choosing the younger son instead of the elder, delaying promises being fulfilled, incorporating trials). Where has God disrupted your expectations, plans, or timelines?
4. When have you navigated a season of doubt, where God's promises felt delayed or uncertain? Even in the midst of unpredictability, how did you see God's faithfulness?
5. The Patriarchs often built altars after encountering God, using them as reminders of His faithfulness in times of uncertainty. What practical reminders have you set for yourself of God's faithfulness in times of uncertainty?
6. Share with your Life Group a recent encounter you've had with God's faithfulness and how it has impacted you.

PURSUIING DISCIPLESHIP

Applying heart change to family, community and our lives

1. Even through doubt, uncertainty, and discomfort, the Patriarchs kept following God. Where is God calling you to trust Him deeper even if it doesn't make sense right now?
2. What practical steps can you take to remember God's past faithfulness in your life? How can these reminders strengthen your hope for the future?
3. How has the faith and trust of others, particularly those in your Life Group, encouraged you to rely on God's plans?