

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of April 11-17, 2021

“SECURE IN GOD’S CALL”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your week?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Genesis 11:27-12:9.

1. In Genesis 12:1, God calls Abram to leave his country, his people and his family. What excuses could Abraham have given to God? If you were in Abram’s position, which of these would be most difficult for you? Least difficult? Why?
2. Read Hebrews 11:8-9. What do you learn about Abraham’s faith in these verses?
3. Genesis 12:2-3 describes God’s plans to bless Abram. How appealing is this blessing? Why? What part is most appealing? Why? What do we learn about ourselves from our reaction here? Why?
4. In Genesis 12:4, Abram follows God’s instructions but the text is silent about his mental and emotional response at this point. What mental and emotional responses might someone have at this point in the text? What makes you think that? Have you ever been in situation that was similar to Abram’s, in any way? In what way(s)? How was God at work in that situation?
5. God says that he will bless Abraham and Abraham will be a blessing. As you reflect on how God has blessed you, how have you been a blessing to others? Can you share a recent experience when you have become a blessing to others?

6. What attitudes and practices make trusting God’s promises more difficult at age 75 than at, say, 30? What does Psalm 90:12 teach us?
7. Discuss this quote: “Abraham didn’t find his purpose. It was God who found Abraham and gave him purpose.” How true is this statement in your life?
8. **[NEXT STEPS]**
Our calling is to travel through life with God, living each day as a called out people.
 - I will seek to walk with God more intimately.
 - I will seek to bless someone this week.
 - I repent of my indifference and will seek to know what God calls me to do during this season of my life.
 - I will be sensitive to opportunities that God opens up for me.
 - I will seek to be mindful of God’s blessings and worship him.

Don’t forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God’s intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that you live a life of purpose.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.