







GENESIS 18





Small Group Guide: God's Mission and Our Response

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Opening Prayer



The opening prayer is a way for us to invite God into our time together, center our hearts on Him, and prepare ourselves for the discussions ahead. This is an opportunity to thank God for His presence, ask for His guidance and wisdom, and open our hearts to what He wants to teach us.

Feel free to keep your prayer simple and conversational, as if you're talking directly to a close friend. If you're unsure what to say, focus on gratitude, ask for clarity and connection, and trust that God hears your heart.

Helpful Prayer Prompt:

- Thank God for bringing the group together and the opportunity to grow in faith.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to lead and guide your conversations.
- Ask for open hearts, wisdom, and encouragement for each person in the group.

Scripture Reading

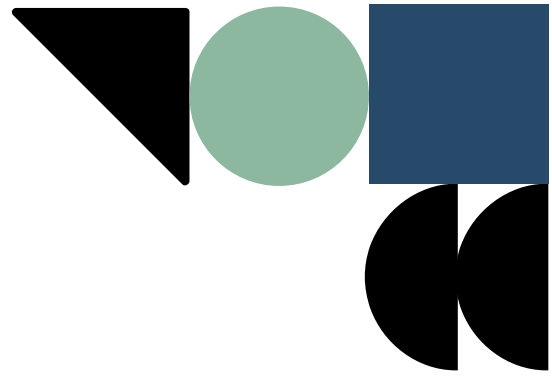


Genesis 18

In this powerful exploration of God's faithfulness, we delve into the story of Abraham and Sarah from Genesis 18. The central message reminds us that God is faithful in all circumstances - when we're unfaithful, in storms, on mountaintops, and in valleys. Just as knowing the location of Highway 321 can always guide us home, understanding God's faithfulness can anchor us in life's tumultuous journey.

We witness God's promise to Abraham and Sarah of a son in their old age, emphasizing that nothing is impossible for the Lord. This narrative challenges us to trust in God's timing and purpose, even when circumstances seem hopeless. It encourages us to align ourselves with God's mission, assuring us that in doing so, we'll experience His faithfulness in profound ways.



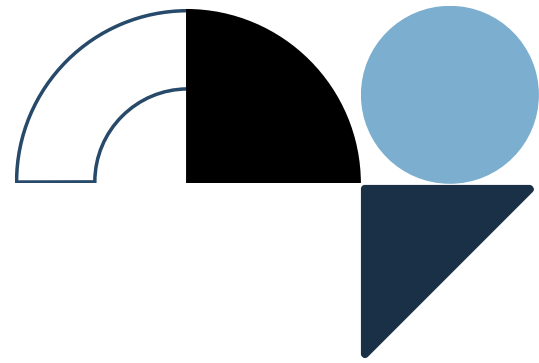


Key Takeaways

God is faithful to accomplish His purpose, even when it seems impossible.

God is faithful in dealing with sin, balancing justice and mercy.

God's faithfulness should inspire our faith, obedience, repentance, and worship.



Discussion Questions

1. The sermon mentions Abraham and Sarah waiting 25 years for God's promise to be fulfilled. How can we remain faithful during long periods of waiting on God?
2. How does understanding God's faithfulness in accomplishing His purpose impact our view of current world events or personal circumstances?
3. The pastor drew a parallel between knowing where Highway 321 is and understanding God's faithfulness. How can we "find our way back" to God's faithfulness when we feel lost or disoriented in life?
4. Discuss the balance between God's mercy and His justice in dealing with sin. How does this affect our understanding of God's character?
5. The sermon mentions Abraham's compassion in interceding for Sodom and Gomorrah. How can we cultivate a similar heart for others, even those who seem far from God?
6. How does God's faithfulness in dealing with sin challenge us to address sin in our own lives?





Practical Applications

1. Faith and Obedience: Identify an area in your life where God may be calling you to take a step of faith. What would obedience look like in this situation?
2. Repentance: Take time this week to examine your life for any hidden sin or areas where God has been prompting you to change. Commit to repentance and seeking accountability if needed.
3. Worship: Create a "faithfulness journal" where you record instances of God's faithfulness in your daily life. Use this as a tool to cultivate a heart of worship and gratitude.
4. Mission Focus: Consider how you can align your life more closely with God's purpose of sharing the gospel and making disciples. What practical steps can you take this week?



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Closing Prayer

Thank God for His faithfulness in our lives, ask for strength to trust and obey Him, and pray for a deepened awareness of His work in and around us.