

# The God of Faith

## Small Group Guide

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Who is one person alive today whom you would like to meet?
2. What is one way you have changed over the past 18 months?

**Read the following passage:** Genesis 12:1-5.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. When God called Abraham, he appeared to be in the wrong place, at the wrong stage of life, married to the wrong wife, with the wrong people, worshiping the wrong gods. Abraham's example reminds us that we can start with God from anywhere. Do you ever feel the temptation to "disqualify" yourself because of something to do with any of the following categories? Explain.
  - Personality type or temperament
  - Family history
  - Past or present failures
  - Talent or abilities
  - Current circumstances
  - Past spiritual experience (or lack of experience)
  - Other?
2. Abraham had a number of "restarts" in his life. What should we do if we think we might need some sort of restart with God?
3. What promises did God make to Abraham? Are you convinced God has good things for you? Do you ever deal with disillusionment or cynicism? What kinds of events or circumstances can take you down that path? Can you think of any biblical promises that are an encouragement to you? (See, for example, Luke 11:13; Mark 10:29-30; John 15:5; James 1:5.)
4. When God told Abraham that he was going to destroy the city in which Abraham's nephew, Lot, was living, Abraham asked God whether this was really just (see Genesis 18:20-25). Are there any issues that have been stumbling blocks for you in your faith? Explain. Have you found anything that has helped you navigate these issues?

5. What's the difference between having faith in God and having faith in our own faith? Read Ephesians 3:20-21. How should we be encouraged by the reality that God will always be bigger than our faith?

**Pray**