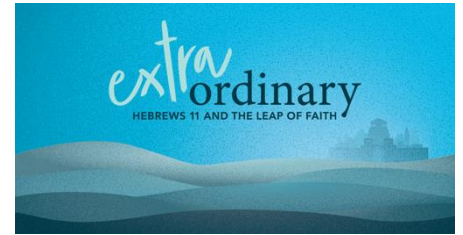




DISCUSSION GUIDE JANUARY 30, 2022



Dive In

- Have you ever sacrificed something to gain some bigger prize? What was the prize? How did you sacrifice?

Dig Deep

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-19

- What kind of discomfort did Abraham and Sarah have to endure while living waiting for God's promises?
- God promised that Abraham's descendants would be as numerous as sand upon the seashore. What kind of faith did Abraham have to have to believe this? How did he continue day after day to live in this faith?
- Abraham trusted in God with all his heart. This is evident when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his own son. What thought processes must Abraham have gone through? His trust in God was greater than his own needs and wants. How did Abraham get to this point?
- Abraham is the Father of the Faithful. What does this mean to us today? How can we pattern our lives after Abraham?

Do Big

- God responds to our faith rather than to our needs. In real, everyday life, what does this look like for you? What does your life look like if you live by faith rather than by needs?
- To sacrifice means to live in some discomfort in order to get to the "promised land". What kind of discomforts are you willing to live?

LEADERS

For Context Read:

Genesis 15

Challenge:

God used Abraham because of his great faith. The covenant God made with Abraham was a binding promise that his descendants would inherit the land God promised. God fulfilled that promise but not in Abraham's lifetime. The kind of faith Abraham had was far and above anything we can imagine. He was even willing to kill his own son because he trusted God that much. Abraham believed in the covenant and God kept His promise. God is keeping His promises even today.

Weekly Memory Verse:

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists, and he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:6