

MESSAGE GROUPS - GROWN UP FAITH - WEEK 2 - FEBRUARY 17

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

Part of growing up means answering the difficult questions of life. Questions like: “*Is life an accident of am I here on purpose?*” and “*Why do bad things happen to good people?*” are asked at some point in everyone’s lives. Leaning on God for the big answers to these larger-than-life questions allows us to “grow up” in our faith and begin experiencing life the way that God designed it.

ICEBREAKER:

If you could create one rule, what would it be? Are there any “rules” in life you would want to get rid of?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In **Genesis 12**, God promises Abraham a great nation, land, and messiah. After many years pass, Abraham doesn’t see how God is fulfilling His promises.

- **Q:** *In the grand scheme of our lives, it can be hard to see where God is moving, but we should keep our faith in Him. In what areas of your life do you need to trust God more fully for His bigger plan?*

The story of Abraham and Sarah reflects the faithfulness of God even though His timing is often different from ours. In the waiting season it can be easy to feel distant from God, but we can still know that He is good and trust that He is working. **(Luke 18:19)**

- **Q:** *Is there a prayer you are still waiting for God to answer? What are some ways that you can stay connected to God and trust in His plan as you wait?*

In **Exodus 20**, Moses is given the 10 Commandments (God’s Rules) to share with his culture. In our culture we are inundated with lies and “rules” promoting the opposite of God’s truth. We are called to uphold God’s truth and the culture of His Kingdom, not of the world.

- **Q:** *How can you know you are focusing on God’s Kingdom and not the World’s Rules? What are ways to guard against the culture of the world influencing how you think and live?*

CLOSE

The lies of Satan can threaten the truth in our lives by creating a “False Religion”. Not all of his lies are easy to spot, and we can easily fall into living like the World instead of living like God’s Kingdom. Instead of chasing cash (God’s truth) we are chasing trash (the lies Satan puts in front of us). In order to escape these lies, we must be able to discern what is “cash” and what is “trash”:

(Leaders - provide space for personal or group reflection as you close)

- **Q:** *Do you most often find yourself chasing “cash” or “trash”? If we are not actively chasing God’s truth, how do we re-focus and find our way back to chasing after God’s Kingdom?*