



Discussion Guide for May
10th

Redo: Sarah **Genesis 12-21**

Ice Breaker Questions:

- If you could compete in any Olympic sport, which would you choose and why?

Read Genesis 12:1-3; 16:1-5; 17:15-19; 18:9-15; 21:1-7

Turning Doubt into Confidence

Recognizing Doubt- God had promised to make Abraham into a great nation whose offspring would be greater than the number of stars in the sky. Yet, they were both older in age before God granted them a child.

-Why do you think Abraham and Sarah had their doubts about God's calling in their lives?

-What bad decisions did doubt cause them to make?

- Sarai gives her slave to Abram in order to have a child.

When we don't wait on God, we miss out on the blessing in the waiting- Abram and Sarai had a clear calling from God and were reminded that God would give them a son. Doubt often comes when we are tired of waiting and impatient. When can we clearly see Abram's and Sarai's doubt when they both laughed at God's calling at different times.

-What are some ways that you doubt, even where God has made his promises clear?

-How can we see the blessing in the waiting? What does that phrase mean in each of our lives?

Doubt into Confidence- Chapter 21 brings the fulfillment of God's promise with the birth of Isaac.

- How do you think Sarah and Abraham felt when their son was born?

Steps to take:

Remember God's Faithfulness- Past faithfulness is an indicator of future faithfulness.

Remember God's Timing- God's timing is perfect and often not what works in our timeline.

Remember God's working in the waiting- God works in our lives at all times, especially when we're in the waiting.

- Which of these 3 steps are the hardest for you? Which are the easiest? Why?

Prayer Time:

-Pray for JPC as we make plans for the summer and how to phase back into our regular services.

-Continue to pray for people on the front lines of the corona virus fight and for the lives that have been directly impacted by the changes in society at this time.