



FIRST LIGHT CHURCH

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Date: 2/18/2024

Series: Genesis Study-Abram

Text: Genesis 16:1-16

BIG IDEA: You Can't Rush The Plan Of God.

ICEBREAKER: Thinking over the past week, what's one thing you would have done differently?

CONTEXT: Sarai and Abram attempt to receive God's promised child through their own scheme, in this case, by "marrying" Abram to an Egyptian servant girl, Hagar.

PASSAGE: Have volunteers read Genesis 16:1-16.

DISCUSSION:

1. Why do we view God as someone who forgets about His promises or is unable to overcome obstacles?
2. Just because this "marrying" act/adultery was a culturally acceptable plan in this day and age – didn't make it right. What are some things we seem to accept or do that are culturally o.k., but are still wrong?
3. Why is your view of God? Do you feel like He sees you, and hears you? Why or why not?
4. Why does God seem to choose the most unlikely people to work out His plans?
5. Consider Abram's faith in Genesis 15: 6. What changed for him? How does our obedience to the Lord reflect our faith in Him?
6. Why is it so difficult for us to submit to authority at times?

APPLICATION:

7. Discuss how God has used a bad situation in your life or the life of someone you know, to bring them to him.
8. What is something that you have been struggling with that you are waiting on God to act upon?

COMMUNITY CONNECTION:

Sometimes submitting to overbearing or unreasonable authority figures at our jobs or in school is something we simply don't want to do, especially when that authority is one that rules over us harshly. In times like these, we need to trust that God has placed us in that position or situation for His own good purposes, and we need to attempt to live under that premise to the extent that we will bring Him the glory and honor. Pray that God will give you wisdom, strength and patience in these difficult situations, so that your light will shine before those around you. Look for others who may be struggling similarly and provide a source of comfort by praying for them.

CARE AND PRAY:

- Ask God to help you grow in your faith and trust in Him.
- Ask God to give you the boldness to have a Gospel conversation with someone this week.
- Pray for our WOW offerings to be plentiful and for the missions for which it will be used.

