

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Open your group with a prayer. Use this sheet as a guide; select the points you want to discuss.

GETTING STARTED

1. Who are the most revered persons of world history?
2. Does Abraham qualify?
3. When told a story are you more likely to believe it or be skeptical of it?

DIGGING DEEPER

4. What does it say to you that Abraham's story occupies 14 chapters, or $\frac{1}{4}$, of Genesis?
5. Genesis 11:30 emphasizes that Abram and Sarai were childless. How would this have impacted their understanding of God's promise to bless them?
6. Why do you think the family settled in Haran?
7. What factors do you think contributed to Abram leaving Haran and continuing to Canaan?
8. Evaluate the 7 parts of God's promise to Abram in Genesis 12:2-3. How

would Abram and Sarai felt about each part? Which would have been most meaningful?

9. Read Hebrews 11:8, 13-16. How does this inform our understanding of Abram?
10. What was the first thing Abram did in Canaan? What does it say about him?

LIVING IT OUT

11. Genesis 12:4 lists Abram's age at 75 when departing Haran. What implications does this have for you?
12. Compare and contrast Jesus' call to "Follow Me" with what God said to Abram.
13. Read Hebrews 11:6. Why is faith important to this story?
14. What do we learn about God from this story?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"By faith Abraham, when called to go ... obeyed and went..."

-Hebrews 11:8

