

**Beginnings:**  
**Abraham: The Seeds of Faith**  
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I. God \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances and situations to  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us for His \_\_\_\_\_ and  
our \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Our circumstances shouldn't drive us toward \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ toward the God who created, saved,  
and sustains us.

II. Our faith should be \_\_\_\_\_ by God's  
\_\_\_\_\_.

A. Good \_\_\_\_\_ from God cannot become the  
\_\_\_\_\_ things.

III. God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ He demands.

A. Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ what God the Father does for  
us in the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Isaac \_\_\_\_\_ what God the Son does for us in  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. God \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_ was a result of the faith God  
\_\_\_\_\_ in him.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ planned salvation, accomplished by  
\_\_\_\_\_ and applied by the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ makes Abraham's offspring as the stars of heaven  
and as the sand that is on the seashore.

**This Week's Songs:**  
*Before The Throne of God Above*  
*Everlasting God*  
*To Know Your Name*  
*It Is Well With My Soul*

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**Galatians 3:6-9**

just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? <sup>7</sup>Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup>And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” <sup>9</sup>So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. (ESV)

I. \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Faith in \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Faith is always \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 11:6**

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (ESV)

C. God provides as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (ESV)

II. Faith: \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

A. God’s generous gifts to us are \_\_\_\_\_ meant to be \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Blessing for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 28:19**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (ESV)

III. Faith pauses to \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. Abraham’s stumble does not \_\_\_\_\_.

A. God protects for His \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God sees His \_\_\_\_\_.

C. We are invited to be a part of fulfilling God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**This Week’s Songs:**

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

*Forever Reign*

*It Is Well With My Soul*

*I Surrender All*

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\*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

**The COMMUNITY:**

1. What is a spring break tradition for your family?

**Into the WORD/APPLICATION:**

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org), [desiringgod.org/articles/all](http://desiringgod.org/articles/all), [biblos.com](http://biblos.com), [ccel.org](http://ccel.org), [logos.com](http://logos.com), [connect.ligonier.org](http://connect.ligonier.org), [thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology](http://thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology).

1. Read Genesis 22 and answer the following questions
  - a. Compare the difference between Abram in Chapters 12 and 16 with Abraham in Chapter 22.

- b. How is this passage a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ?

- c. What is God's primary concern in this passage?

- d. How is Abraham able to obey God's command?

2. Read James 1.

- a. What should our response be in times of trial and suffering?

- b. Why does God allow those trials to happen in our lives?

- c. How does the hope of the Gospel allow us to overcome trials and suffering?