

“For People Like Us” (Abraham)

Ice Breaker Idea: What is the longest you have ever waited in line for something? What was this item? Was it worth the wait?

Questions:

1. See Genesis 15: 1-6 & 16: 1-4. Abraham believed in God’s promise of providing him a descendant and heir, but after 10 years of waiting became impatient. How long are you willing to wait for God to fulfill His promises to you? How long does it take you before you become impatient?
2. What were some of the consequences to Abraham (and Sarah’s) impatience? What types of consequences have you seen in your life because of impatience?
3. Why do you think God gave Abraham such a long waiting time (he told him about the promise 25 years before it was fulfilled!!)? What does the waiting process do to us and for us? Why do we resist or struggle against it?
4. How does Abraham’s example help you to manage or address your own past decisions and/or their consequences?
5. What practices can you begin adopting this week to help you in learning to wait on God?

“Digging Deeper”

Read Hebrews 11: 8-19

Abraham made his mistakes, but Scripture still describes him as an incredible example of faith. What do you see in Abraham that can help guide you in your walk with God?

Read Romans 4: 9 – 12 & Matthew 3: 7 – 10.

Abraham is the physical “father” of the Jewish people (including Jesus). How are we connected to Abraham, if not by physical descent? Which is most important in the kingdom of God – Faith or the identity of your physical ancestors?