

DISCUSSION GUIDE

UNEXPECTED | GRACE

SEPTEMBER 17/18

For Starters

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Describe a time in your life where God asked you to leave the known (familiar) for the unknown. What did you learn about God and yourself, and how has that test marked your life?

Digging In

1. How do the promises made to Abram connect back to God's judgment in Genesis 3:14-24?
2. What does the rest of the Bible tell us about Abram/Abraham?
Read the following verses and make a few notes:
 - a. Joshua 24:2-3
 - b. Nehemiah 9:7-8
 - c. Romans 4:1-3
 - d. Hebrews 11:8-11, 17-19
3. What were the factors that made it hard for Abram to trust God and, as a result, where was his trust?
4. God's response to his lack of faith is surprising/unexpected. Look again at vv 14-20 and describe in what ways God was gracious to Abram.

Bringing It Home

1. What are you learning about God and the journey of faith from this passage?
2. What is God calling you to do today? What do you need to leave and where does God want you to go?
3. James 4:6 reminds us that our God gives more grace. Where do you need more grace today as you follow Him?