

Series: In the beginning
Today's message: Abraham: Bringing Hope...Changing Lives
Genesis 13-17
Additional Questions
Weekend of February 27 & 28, 2010

Think for a moment about the impact of faith in your own life. How have your choices and actions in the past few years shown that you trust God?

Have your group develop a definition of faith from Genesis 22; Hebrews 11:1; and Romans 4. Let each member write down a 20-word "faith is" statement. Then divide into study teams. Each team is to take one of the three faith incidents to (1) study in its Old Testament context, (2) study the Hebrews 11 commentary on it and (3) think of it in light of Romans 4. Then each team is to make a list of elements that must be included in a biblical definition of "faith." Have the teams come together to report, and work as a group to see if you can come up with an adequate definition of faith.

As you look at Genesis 15, "How does seeing Abraham's weaknesses make you feel? Why? Why do you suppose they are so clearly spelled out in the Bible?"

(1) Go around the circle and ask your group members to share one difference that having faith in Christ has made in their lives; or (2) go around the circle and ask your group members to share one way that they express their faith in God in their choices and actions.