Welcome Your World LifeGroup

Take New Steps of Faith on Our Adventure With God

Session #1

An Invitation to a Journey of Faith Together.

Key Point: God is inviting each of us to a journey of faith that we must take together. As with any journey with God, it's not just about the destination, it's about what God does in us along the way.

Key Scripture: It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8

NOTES

This Week: Take 15 minutes this week and take a pen to paper and prayerfully, in a posture of worship, look at your 2024 giving to Victory Church. Does it demonstrate obedience? Does it demonstrate God's priorities in your heart? If you are married, sit down together and discuss this. Ask God to work in you.

Memory Verse: It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as an inheritance. Hebrews 11:8

Prayer: Ask everyone to write his or her name and a brief prayer need on a piece of paper and pass it to the right. Ask each person to pray for the person and request this week.

Next week: Would you like to move from pride to gratitude? Would you like to learn to see everything in your life as a gift from God?

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Group discussion questions:

1. Read the following passages.
[Genesis 12:1-4] And the Lord said to Abram, Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you. So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.
[Hebrews 11:8-10] It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as an inheritance.
[Genesis 22:2] Take your son, your only son-yes, Isaac, whom you love so much-and go to the land of Morah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.

Split into smaller groups and assign each group one of these questions from one of the scriptures above.

Ask the groups to be ready to share what they learn.

1. What do we learn about God?
2. What can we learn about people?
3. What do we learn about the relationship between God and people's relationship with people?
4. Ask each group to briefly share their thoughts with the larger group.

2. Based on these scriptures, what factors do you think enabled Abram to take the first step of obedience?
3. In a journey of faith, Pastor Ed says that the journey is not only about the destination, but also very much about what God will do in us along the way. What mindsets hold followers of Jesus like us back from preparing and stepping out in faith?
4. This journey of faith will challenge any worldly mindsets in us. The True Riches book notes that many regular church attenders who are regular givers, even people who tithe, still prioritize their own sense of financial success and security over a life of faith, obedience and trust in the Lord. In what ways willa this journey challenge these in us?
5. Pastor Ed sees:
A 1,000 sent auditorium full of people learning to be worshipers of God
Expansion of space to equip children and youth to encounter Jesus and learn to live their lives for the Lord and the gospel
Room to equip adults for ministry through conferences, leadership training and more LifeGroups
Greater space for need-meeting ministries, counseling and practical assistance
A stronger base to make real differences in Norristown and the communities around us
In groups of 3 to 4, share which of these opportunities most excites you and why?
6. God called Abram and his family. Why do you think it is important that we take this journey together, as a church family?

Personal Application:

1. What is your main takeaway from this session?
2. Write down one way you can apply this truth in your life.
3. Think of someone you see regularly who has not yet experienced the love of God and the care of his family. Write down his or her name and pray daily by name for this person for salvation for the next week.