

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

This is Us - Living in Fear // Genesis 12:1-20; 2 Timothy 2:11-13

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Connecting

1. Did you ever tell a lie as a child that totally backfired on you?
2. Have you or has someone close to you made a mistake recently that you've learned from? What was it, and what did you learn?

Understanding

1. Read Genesis 12:1-9. Look at the promises God gives Abram in verses 2, 3 and 7. What do you see happening between Abram and Yahweh in this part of the story? How does Abram respond?
2. Read Genesis 12:10-20. Why does Abram take his family to Egypt? What mistakes does he make in this part of the story? How does God respond to his mistakes?
3. Compare the picture of Abram in verses 1-9 to that in verses 10-20. What stands out?
4. Read 2 Timothy 2:11-13. What do you learn about God from the Genesis passages and the 2 Timothy passage?

Living

1. How would you characterize the growth of your spiritual life—onward and upward, or peaks and valleys? If you have had valleys, what have you learned from them?
2. What do you feel you need from the people you are closest with when you are going through a “famine” (a hard time)?
3. How can we move toward others when they are in the “valley” (going through a hard time or when they mess up)?
4. What characteristics of God do you reflect on when your immediate circumstances become overwhelming?

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