

## CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 1 - More, Not Less



### GETTING STARTED

When you were growing up, did you ever give something up for Lent? What was it – and did you actually stick with it? If Lent isn't part of your background, share a time you tried a "cleanses" or personal challenge. What was your motivation?

### THIS WEEK'S THEME

Read Genesis 12:1-3. What stands out to you in God's words to Abraham? What surprises you?

God begins with one word: "Go." Why do you think God's first move is outward rather than inward?

Abraham wasn't introduced as especially qualified or spiritual. What does that tell us about who God chooses to use?

God promises blessing – but makes it clear the blessing is meant to overflow to others. How is that different from the way we often think about faith?

The message suggests that faith isn't meant to shrink our circle but widen it. When does your faith feel private or inward-focused? When does it feel outward?

Of the three questions from the message, which feels most challenging for you and why? – Who has God already placed in your path? Who feels just outside your circle? Who would never come to church unless you invited them?

What fears or hesitations keep us from widening our circle? (Awkwardness? Rejection? Busyness? Assumptions?)

The message challenged the idea that Lent is about subtraction. What would it look like for you to pursue "more" this season – more listening, more hospitality, more invitation?

### TAKING IT HOME

*This week, take one concrete step outward: Have coffee with the person you wrote down. Ask a deeper question instead of staying surface-level. Extend an invitation – to dinner, to a walk, or to church.*

### PRAY

God of Abraham, You are always moving outward – always widening the circle. Give us courage to take one faithful step. Help us notice the people You've already placed in our lives. Replace our fear with love, our hesitation with hospitality, and our small circles with Your bigger vision. Teach us to be known not for what we subtract – but for the grace we extend. In Jesus' name, Amen.