



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *A Promise Without Limits*

Service Date(s): April 21, 2024

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Have you ever made a promise that you had to take back?

Sermon Discussion

- Paul said in his sermon that our faith is increased by taking action on a promise of God. Can you think of a time when you did just that? Was your faith affected?
- Romans 4:18 says, "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations..." Have you witnessed events in your life or those close to you where earthly hope was lost yet heavenly hope was strong? What was the experience or "season" like?
- Abraham and Sarah's story of starting their family was highlighted in this week's message- they waited 10 years to have a child and then decided to take things into their own hands- the story of Hagar, Abraham, and Sarah then develops. Have you ever had a time when you grew impatient and took things into your own hands to solve or figure it out, leaving God behind?
- If we are to have faith in God and trust His Word, why is it so difficult to still trust Him at times?
- The sermon pointed out how Abraham and Sarah became impatient with God and His timing. Have you ever experienced that or are you experiencing that now?
- What inspires/confuses/etc. (or insert a different emotion here) you about Abraham's trust in God when he was asked to sacrifice his son, Isaac?

- How do we remain faithful to God when we become impatient?
- Hebrews 11:3 says, “All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.” In thinking about *The Promise Campaign*, would it change the way you gave (in faith) if you knew God was calling you to sacrificially give but that you would not see the end results in your lifetime?
- Every person tends to be very impatient at some point in life. When trusting God, should we always want to see a “result” or outcome from trusting Him or should trusting Him be enough, knowing that He’s the one who is ultimately in charge?

Resources

Book: *All the Promises of the Bible* by Herbert Lockyer

Book: *Growing as a Christian 101* by Bruce Bickel

Book: *Untethered: Exchanging Overwhelming Fear for Lasting Peace*
by Amanda Porter

Book: *Disappointment with God* by Philip Yancey

Book: *When God Doesn't Make Sense* by James Dobson

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We'd love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village's values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.