

Walking with God in a Broken World Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part altogether, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Have you ever broken a bone? Explain.
2. If you could fix one small problem in the world (like potholes or long lines at Disney World) with a snap of your fingers, what is something you might choose?

Read the following passage: Genesis 18:16-33.

At multiple points in our lives, most of us think, “Things should not be this way.” We live in a broken world and we are all impacted by this reality. Although, in many respects, Abraham’s cultural context was miles away from our own, the brokenness of our worlds is a reality we share. Abraham’s story shows us how we can be part of God’s answer for a broken world: 1) Stay close to God’s people; 2) Give what you have to somebody else; 3) Be honest about your pain; 4) Pray for the people around you.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. God told Abraham that all nations on earth would be blessed through him. Although none of us are Abraham or his most famous descendant, Jesus, explain the sense in which we, too, are called to be a blessing to our world.
2. Explain how the whole story of the Bible can be summed up with these key headings: Creation, Abraham, Israel, Jesus, Us, New Creation.
3. Why did Abraham react so strongly and ask such big questions when God told him that he was going to visit Sodom?
4. Has pain or injustice been a significant part of your spiritual story? Explain.
5. How do Lot’s decisions serve as a warning to us?
6. On a scale of 1 to 10, how engaged with God’s people are you in your life right now? What would you like to see change?
7. Read Genesis 18:19. Describe God’s plan for changing the world through Abraham. How does this connect to Jesus’ strategy? How can we apply this to our own lives?
8. Do you have a conscious sense of the goodness of God in your life right now? Explain.
9. Are you deliberately praying for other people on a daily basis? Explain.
10. How would you like to see God use you to help a broken world?

Pray