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winning the fight for faith



## Week 8: June 21-27

### Share Life:

**Review Guidelines:** Ask your group to share a guideline that is most difficult for them to keep (remember to always review the guidelines in DETAIL when you have a new person in your group).

**Vision:** The gospel we preach determines the disciples we make. This past Sunday, at the end of the message, Pastor Brandon shared the whole gospel. As a group, let's purpose to learn the gospel, preach the gospel to our own souls, and share the gospel with one another and others we know.

**Question:** Can you recall something that you used to believe, but later you found out it wasn't true?

### Share God's Word (story):

#### Background:

Today's story is about Abraham, the father of the nation of Israel. First, let's set the scene. Abraham's story is one of the most important stories in the Bible. It is the story of how God selected one family with whom He would establish His covenant. God made a promise to Abraham: he would have many descendants that would become a mighty nation, they would inherit a land of promise, and through this new nation the entire world would be blessed. God kept His promise. Abraham's children became the nation of Israel. They inherited the Promised Land in the Middle East. God blessed the world through Israel by giving His law through Moses and the Israelites. Most importantly, God blessed the world through Israel by sending Jesus, who was born as a Jewish man.

God made these incredible promises to Abraham, but Abraham did not get to see the fulfillment of all these promises in his lifetime. Abraham had to look forward by faith to the fulfillment of these promises from God. The Bible says that Abraham believed God, and his faith was counted as righteousness.

Abraham is an incredible figure of our faith, but he was not a perfect man. Even Abraham struggled with difficult feelings and emotions that led him to doubt God. That's what happens. When we slip from faith in God our emotions can get the best of us. This story from the life of Abraham reminds us how important it is to keep our faith in God and not in ourselves or others.

A couple of things you need to know: First, God had not given the law yet, so there was no law against half brothers and sisters being married – that came later in the law of Moses. Second, Abraham and his family traveled a lot. They were sojourners in the land and it was common for them to happen upon new places. Finally, while Abraham was wrong, the story also shows us God's faithfulness to His promises even when we make mistakes. This is where our story begins...

**Tell & rebuild the story from Genesis 20:1-18**

**Read the story from Genesis 20:1-18**

1. What sticks out the most to you in this story? Why?
2. What does this story teach us about people?

- a. What does this story teach you about yourself?
3. What does this story teach you about God?
4. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you and how do you need to respond?

### **Share in Prayer**

We just started ONE Church on Wednesday nights. Our church is working hard to learn how to grow in love for God and for all people. Take a moment to pray as a group and to ask God to help your group grow in love for God, for one another, and for others. Ask God to use you together and individually in the life of another person this week. Pray that God would add a new person to your small group.

***Recruit a storyteller for next week!!***



## Week 8: The 7 Essentials

**Take a moment to complete a brief self-evaluation quiz...**

*Where do you fall on the line of what's important? Place an "X" where you fall:*

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| A job completed on time.                     | Everybody getting along in harmony.                 |
| Knowing that you did what needed to be done. | Knowing that people were helped.                    |
| Being sure a task is completed.              | Making sure people grow spiritually in the process. |

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If you fell more on the left side of these lines, you tend to be more projected oriented. If you fell on the right side, you tend to be more relationship oriented.

Completing projects is important. There are jobs to be done that can only be done by hard-working people who want to do their work well. When it comes to disciple-making, there is always a job in front of every other job...

**Essential #6: We will identify, equip, and release new leaders.**

The job in front of every other job is the responsibility to raise up new leaders. Yes, running a camera or rocking a baby in the nursery are both important jobs that need to be done; but for a disciple-maker, the job in front of the job is loving people and raising up new leaders who will love people.

We have a saying in our church: people over projects. While we believe that projects are important, we see projects as a way to reach people. We reach people by doing our jobs with excellence, but we reach even more people by investing in others as we work and raising them up to lead.

The easiest way to apply this principle is the “show one, do one, teach one” method:

1. Show one – invite someone along as you do ministry
2. Do one – after they watch you, invite them to do it themselves
3. Teach one – after they’ve done it, invite them to teach someone else

The last step is critical. We really haven’t mastered something until we are able to teach someone else. Helping others through these steps will go a long way in making disciples who can make disciples.

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