

CRAZY FAITH

Group Guide:
Week 1

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What is the craziest thing you have ever done? What made you do it?
- What are your plans for the summer?
- Discipleship check-in (at the bottom of this guide!)

INTRODUCTION

What does it mean to have crazy faith? Luckily, the Bible is full of examples of humans putting their trust in God and watching him do incredible things. Abraham is one such man. While his story contains some moral failures, it is filled with a crazy faith in God who keeps his promises when it seems impossible.

Before beginning take time to pray and ask the Spirit to allow Abraham's faith to increase your own.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Genesis 15

DISCUSS:

- What do you know about Abraham's story before this passage?
- Why do you think Abraham was able to believe the Lord despite his circumstances seeming impossible?
- God asks Abraham to perform a ritual in verse nine. This ritual may seem odd to us, but it is a type of oath that involves a self-curse if not fulfilled. God puts Abraham to sleep and performs the ritual himself represented in the smoking fire pot and flaming torch passing between the animal carcasses. God is telling Abraham that he will become like these dead animals if he does not keep his word. What does this communicate about God's character and how would it make Abraham feel?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS:

- God is asking Abraham to believe him for the impossible. Like Abraham, God asks us to trust him for crazy things. For example, we believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. Reminder, that is crazy! Do you trust God's words? How do you know if you do?

- What places in your life is God asking you to trust him for what seems impossible?
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PRAY

Praise God that he keeps his promises and invites us to trust him for them. Pray that God would give you the faith to believe for something crazy.

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?