

## DISCIPLESHIP GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### WEEK ONE (February 11 – 17, 2023)

#### OVERVIEW

The mission of God is always carried out by the faithful people of God. God called Abraham to leave everything behind; his country, people, and father's household to go to an unknown destination that He would show him. It was a call to trust the Lord with the future even though God hadn't revealed all the details of that future. God made a covenant with Abraham and his descendants, but it is important to see that God never intended the blessing to be only for them, but for all the world. From the beginning, God has called Fairway Christian Church to continue His mission of making disciples here and around the world. How will you move forward in faith at Fairway?

#### READ

Before opening your Bible, ask God to prepare your mind and heart to hear his Word.

**BIG IDEA: We are blessed by God so that we can bless others. When you trust God in Faith, your life will never be the same.**

**DIG DEEPER:** Read and discuss God's Word.

1. Over the past 22 years God has led the Fairway Christian Church family through a faith-filled journey! How have you seen the ministries of Fairway CC impact your life, our community, or our brothers and sister around the world?
2. Read Genesis 12: 1-3. What are the ways God promises to bless Abraham?
3. Read Genesis 12: 4-9. Abraham steps out in immediate obedience. At seventy-five years of age, he takes his entire family and sets out to go to the land of Canaan. How does God confirm his promise to Abraham?

4. God didn't specify exactly where he wanted Abraham to go, yet Abraham stepped out in faith. Describe times when you stepped out into the unknown. How did you feel not knowing where the next step would lead?
5. Read Hebrews 11:8-10; Genesis 15:6; and Romans 4:20-21. What do these passages teach us about Abraham's faith?
6. What did God promise Abraham? How would these promises begin the process of redemption? How were these promises fulfilled in Christ? What do these promises say about God's heart for all people?
7. Read Matthew 28:19-20. What does Jesus state as the mission of the church?
8. Read Ephesians 3:20-21. What does this tell you about God's powerful work through His church?

#### **APPLY**

Apply what you learned to your life this week .As we kick off the FORWARD Initiative, spend some time reading the first section of this guide and pray about how God is calling you to fully participate in this next season as a church.

1. Look at the history timeline of Fairway Christian Church in this booklet. Where does your story begin with FCC? What has God already done in and through you as a result of being a part of Fairway Christian Church?

2. As you reread the FORWARD Initiatives Overview on page 7 of your booklet, what is your reaction to the challenge? What might your prayer life look like in the days ahead?
  
3. After reading the Initiatives Overview, prayerfully consider what this generosity initiative means for you and your family. Consider what it would look like to take a step forward in generosity by partnering with God's future for our church.

## **PRAY**

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

1. Pray for hearts to be open and willing to step forward into God's future for Fairway Christian Church. Acknowledge and praise God for His past faithfulness to Fairway Christian Church. Wrap up your time together by praying for the three parts of our vision: GO, SOW, GROW.
  
2. Additionally, have one person pray that God would unite and align our hearts as a church family together through this series. It will take all of us together to accomplish God's vision for our church. Take some time now to surrender to God, seek Him, and worship Him by obeying whatever He reveals for you to do as a part of the FORWARD Initiative vision.