

MARRIAGE...

FOR BETTER? FOR WORSE?



– Abraham & Sarah –

Ice-Breaker:

- What did your earliest dreams of marriage look like? How different is your life now from how you thought it would be?

Discussion:

1. **Read Genesis 12:1-9 & Hebrews 11:8.**
 - Describe a time when it took faith to do something that God led you to do? What did this situation teach you about trusting God?
2. **Read Genesis 12:10-20**
 - Describe a time when you gave into your own fear and did not rely on God. What did you learn from this experience?
 - How have you seen fear affect your relationships with others and with God?
3. **Read Genesis 16:1-6**
 - Why is it so hard for most of us to be patient while waiting on God to answer our prayers? Why do you think God makes us wait sometimes?
4. **Read Genesis 17:17, 18:12-14 and Romans 4:19-21**
 - Discuss how each of the faithless seasons has played out in your life. Which one do you identify with the most?
 - What are some specific things you can do to have the kind of faith that Abraham and Sarah had?

Application:

Pray the following this week:

- Confess those areas of your life where you've lacked faith. Ask God to strengthen your faith.
- Share with God the fears that have a hold on you. Ask God to help you remove all fears.
- Ask God to give you more patience in all your relationships and with God.
- Ask God to give you a vision for your marriage or any other important relationships in your life.
- Read Hebrews 11 and ask God to stir the kind of faith within you that is described in this passage.