"God's Faithfulness to Abraham"

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
 Prayer Requests Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting. Getting to Know You This week's sermon dealt with the topic of family heritage. Share with the group your own family origin. What stories have you heard about ancestors you've never met? 	 Discuss After reading the genealogy of Jesus again, which names stick out to you? Why? In what ways are God's promises fulfilled in Jesus? Read John 1:12 & Galatians 4:4-7. What significance does the topic of adoption have on Jesus' family tree? Read 1 Timothy 1:3-7. When is it harmful to devote yourself to "endless genealogies"? Rather, what is Paul urging Timothy to devote himself to?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
Read • Matthew 1:1-17 Quote	 Questions What hope and comfort does it offer you that Jesus has a family tree?
 "Through Jesus's family tree, God puts his grace on display. God is reminding us that he can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves: pick up broken pieces and put them together, take broken lives and make them whole, gather broken hopes and make them a reality. That is the message of Jesus's family tree." (James Merritt) 	 In what ways have you doubted or trusted in God's faithfulness through your life? How has God changed you since adopting you into His family? Who can you share the message of salvation with this week? What's holding that person back from joining God's family?