

Count the Stars

“Obedience”

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: Talk about a “crossroad” decision you have made...and how it turned out.

KEY THOUGHT: ***Faith obeys God’s command to leave the familiar for the unknown***

GETTING THE POINT

Read Genesis 12:1-9

1. What specific command does God give to Abraham in verse 1, and what made this difficult?
2. What promises does God attach to His command, and how do they relate to His larger plan for the world?
3. What stands out about Abraham’s response in verses 4-5? How does this show his faith?
4. What is the significance of God appearing again to Abraham in verses 6-7, and how does Abraham respond?
5. What role do the altars play (vv 7-8) in Abraham’s understanding of his relationship with God?

GETTING DEEPER

Read Deuteronomy 11:26-32

1. What similarities do you see between Deut. 11:30 and Genesis 12:6? What differences?
2. How does the setting in Deuteronomy (on the verge of entering the Promised Land) suggest that God has brought His people “full circle” from Abraham’s visit to Shechem in Genesis 12?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. How can you discern when God is calling you to step away from something familiar?
2. What tends to guide your decision-making more: instincts, emotions, God’s Word, other?
3. How can trusting God’s promises help you move forward when the outcome is unknown?
4. How can Christian community help you make faith-filled decisions in major life transitions?
5. Is there an area of your life right now where you sense God calling you to deeper obedience? What might your next step of faith look like?

PRAY...

that we will trust God in the “crossroad moments” of our lives, & encourage others to as well.