

Discussion Guide

Discussion Guides accompany the [weekly message](#).

Opening Activity:

Point to a chair and ask, “Do you believe this chair can hold you?” Then ask, “What’s the difference between believing it can hold you and actually sitting in it?”

Read:

Genesis 15:1-6

Genesis 15:17-18

Romans 3:21-28

Discussion Questions:

1. In Genesis 15:1-3, Abram brings his disappointment to God. Where in your life are you waiting on something God has promised, and how has that waiting affected your faith?
2. Abram questions God without rebelling against Him. How do you personally navigate questions or doubts? Do they push you toward God or away from Him?
3. In Genesis 15:4-5, God responds with reassurance, not rebuke. What does this reveal about God’s character when we wrestle honestly?
4. Genesis 15:6 says Abram “believed the LORD.” What is the difference between believing in God and believing God in your real, everyday decisions?
5. Where are you currently “standing beside the chair”—intellectually agreeing with God—but not fully sitting down in trust?
6. In Genesis 15:17-18, God alone walks through the covenant pieces. What does that teach us about who carries the responsibility for our justification?
7. How does knowing that righteousness is credited, not earned, confront the way you sometimes approach obedience or spiritual disciplines?
8. Romans 3:21-24 emphasizes that we are made right by faith, not performance. Where are you most tempted to perform for God instead of rest in His grace?
9. Abram was declared righteous before Isaac was born—before anything changed externally. How does that challenge the way you measure spiritual progress or faithfulness?
10. If someone looked at your life this week, where would they see evidence that you believe God—not just believe in Him? What is one area where that belief needs to become visible?

Challenge for the Week:

Identify one area where you’ve been waiting on God and take one clear step of obedience that shows trust instead of control. Have the conversation, give generously, apply, apologize—act. Then tell someone in this group what you did for accountability.