

TAKE-HOME QUESTIONS

1. Whatever happens, remember how powerful God is. What are some of the most powerful things God has done? **List** some together.
2. **Create** a prayer journal in your home and put prayer requests and prayer praises on it.

“We know that in all things,
God works for the good
of those who love Him.”
Romans 8:28

OTHER RESOURCES

Fearless by Max Lucado

Prodigal God by Timothy Keller

Waiting by Ben Patterson

HOPE:

Hope When It Seems Hopeless
October 10 & 11

WEEKEND

Lazarus
John 11

_____ on Jesus and _____ His help.
(John 11:3)

_____ Jesus even when things are not going
the way you want them to. (John 20-27)

_____ on the Lord and know he _____.
(John 11:35; Isaiah 40:29-31)

_____ and see God's _____ ! (John
11:40; II Cor. 3:18)

Parallel with Jesus' story: Lazarus' story and
_____ story. (John 13:27; I Peter 1:3)

_____ is alive today in you, have _____ !
(I Peter 1:3-9; Col. 1:27)

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MIDWEEK

Sarah and Abraham
Genesis 12:15 - 16:21

1. The Lord promises Abram I will make you a great _____ and I will bless you... (Gen 12:1-3)
2. God says to Abraham "(Eleazar) will not be your heir but you will have a son from your own _____". (Gen. 15:4)
3. As Abram and Sarah wait and wait for God's promise, Sarah comes up with her own idea. Sarah decides to have a son through _____, and Abraham agrees to her plan.
4. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very _____ God had promised him. (Gen. 21:2)

Bottom Line: God remains faithful to his promises to his people. We must be willing to put our Hope in him and his timing.

MINI-CHURCH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. According to Genesis 12:4 Abram was 75 years old when he received the promise that he would have many children (Gen 15:4-6). How many years did he have to wait for the promise to be fulfilled? Check out Genesis 21:5. How do you think Abraham felt to have to wait that long?
2. When Lazarus died, why do you think Jesus cried? Jesus knew He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead. Check out John 11:33-36.
3. Why did Jesus purposely delay for two days going to Lazarus? (John 11:4) Have you or anyone you know ever experienced God's divine delay and seen His plan unfold?
4. Do you have a song or verse from the Bible that has given you comfort that you would like to share with the group?
5. Abraham and Sarah tried to control God's plan by having Hagar bear a son for them. As you reflect on your life, do you ever try to control God's plan for your life? What are some ways you have tried to control God's plan?
6. On a blank piece of paper, draw a picture or jot down thoughts about a situation in your life that seemed hopeless. On a scale of 1-5, how did you deal with that situation?
7. Jesus understands how we feel and weeps with us (John 11:35). God cares about our joy, anger and every emotion we have. He wants us to share how we feel with Him so that He can walk through it with us. Take time right now to talk to God about how you are feeling. You can talk to God silently or write down your prayer to God. Your Mini-Church leader will close with a prayer to bring the group back together.