

Message Discussion Guide

Date: June 13th - 14th

Title: How Well Can You See It? - Dave Jackson

Connect with Each Other:

Icebreakers

- If you could have any superhero's ability to help you with a challenging task, which one would you choose and why?
- What's the most creative or funny excuse you've ever made to get out of doing something you felt unqualified for?

Pray Together

Heavenly Father, thank you for bringing us together to learn and grow in faith. As we explore the story of Abraham and Sarah, help us to see how you can fulfill your promises despite our limitations. Guide our discussions and strengthen our trust in you. May we be reminded that nothing is too hard for you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Connect with God:

Key Bible Verses

Genesis 18:1-15

1. Genesis 18:1-2a "The Lord appeared again to Abraham near the oak grove belonging to Mamre. One day Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent during the hottest part of the day. 2 He looked up and noticed three men standing nearby."
2. Genesis 18:10-12 "Then one of them said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.' Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. 11 Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. 12 So she laughed silently to herself and said, 'How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?'"

3. Genesis 18:13-14 "Then the Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, "Can an old woman like me have a baby?"' 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."
4. Genesis 18:15 "Sarah was afraid, so she denied it, saying, 'I didn't laugh.' But the Lord said, 'No, you did laugh.'"

Message Summary

Pastor Dave reflected on the story of Abraham and Sarah, highlighting their journey of faith and the fulfillment of God's promise despite their advanced age and initial disbelief. Their story shows that God's power is not limited by human conditions and that His promises will be fulfilled in His timing. Through their story, we are reminded that nothing is too hard for God and that we should position ourselves to notice His work, run to meet needs, and live generously.

Sticky statement

Small changes that will make a big difference:

Position yourself to notice

Run to the need

Live Generously

Position Yourself to Notice:

- Spend time with God daily, allowing His word to guide and illuminate your path.
- Be aware of your surroundings and opportunities to see God's work in your life and others.

Run to the Need:

- Actively seek out and respond to the needs around you, whether through service, support, or encouragement.
- Get involved in community initiatives and church activities that address local needs.

Live Generously:

- Be generous with your time, resources, and words. Look for ways to bless others and meet their needs.
- Cultivate a lifestyle of generosity, remembering that it is more than just financial

giving—it's about giving of yourself wholeheartedly.

Discussion Questions

1. Abraham and Sarah had to wait 24 years for God's promise to be fulfilled. How does this reflect our own need for patience and faith in God's timing?
2. How can we differentiate between self-reliance and faith in God's provision? What are some practical steps to rely more on God?
3. In what ways can we support and encourage others who might be struggling with feelings of inadequacy or fear of failure?