

Into the Wild

Week 1 | Hearing Clearly

BOTTOM LINE

Obedience in what God has already revealed positions us to experience what He has yet to reveal.

GOAL OF THE GROUP

To create meaningful conversation that stretches our faith and draws us closer to the heart of God. We ask, is it possible to know God's plan for my life? We will discuss how to understand clearly what He has called each of us to do.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-5 – God called Abraham and promised He had a plan for Abraham's future. Abraham trusted and followed where God was leading him, but he stumbled along the journey.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. We all live a life of adventure, whether we're leading it or not. What life adventure do you dream about?
2. Many of us are living a life filled with distractions and a tight schedule. It can be hard to even imagine when you'd have time to hear from God with everything else we are trying to keep afloat.
 - a. How do you find time to dream about the future, the unknown or your life?
 - b. What is your process to hear from God or take time to talk to Him?
(no judgement here, you are not alone if you forget to pause or this is a new idea)
 - c. What comes to mind when we talk about 'hearing from God'?
3. **Read Genesis 12:1-5 and Discuss:**
 - a. Abraham has an encounter with God and learns what it means to trust God and follow him into the unknown and uncertain. He is shown something he has yet to see. How would you navigate both the angst and comfort that Abraham would have felt in that moment?
 - b. Our circumstances are very different than Abraham's, but we too can find ourselves at a similar place.
 - c. Consider that there is no unknown territory for God, when you are faced with difficult moments like this, how do you trust God's plan or direction when you can't see the future?
 - d. God calls Abraham from comfort and promises to show him the way. What is something that is comfortable for you today that God is calling you to trust Him with?
4. Listening to God is connected with trust. Do you believe God is trustworthy? Why or why not?
5. Often God reveals His plan for your life one step at a time. It is in our obedience that He reveals the next step. If you were to take the next step in some area of your life, what would it be, big or small?

Your actions in obedience will help you see most clearly where God is leading you.



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TRY THIS

Those who follow God into the wild... into the uncertainty and away from comfort, begin to see that discovering God's will requires us to be engaged in discerning it. What areas of your life have been most affected by your lack of attention to God's will? Perhaps it is Work/School/Career, Family, Finances, Friendships. Pray and ask God to reveal what hinders you from taking the next steps He wants you to take.