

WARM UP QUESTIONS

What has your experience been with Christ Church or other churches? How have you been involved in the past?

What risks have you taken during your life? How did you feel about it? What was the outcome?

BIBLE EXPLORATION: READ GENESIS 15:1-21

About this Story

We see the intimacy between God and Abraham, as well as the assurance of promises God has for Abraham.

Abraham doubts and asks for confirmation.

God goes first, offers a "contract," but also takes His time.

God's plans are not always easy, as we see with the future God talks about for the Israelites. One that will have them suffering for a long time.

God promises to both be there the whole time with the people and to see the promise through to the end.

Questions

Why does God start with the words "do not be afraid?"

Do you understand Abraham's reaction? How do you think you would feel if you were Abraham?

How do you think Abraham felt when having a dream about 400 years of his people being enslaved and mistreated?

Why do you think God takes His time in revealing and unrolling His plans for us?

What fears do you have that you need to trust God with?

"ABRAHAM WINS GOD. THAT IS A LOT BETTER THAN WINNING THE LOTTERY."

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What did you hear in the sermon that challenged your normal point of view?

What did you hear about the new Christ Church vision that excites you?

How can you lean into God's plans for your life? What is He asking you to do?

In what way does God demonstrate His love for you? How does Jesus' death show us that God is all in?

What does being a follower of Jesus look like in everyday life?

How can this discussion about Abraham help our Church reach the vision God is giving us?