

In the Wilderness—Week Two

Main Idea

The message of Jesus is not “do this” or “do that;” the message of Jesus is “it’s already been done.”

Starter

How have you appreciated the way someone served you recently?

Discuss

When did you first understand the Gospel? Why was it Good News to you?

Scripture

Read [Genesis 12:1-3](#). Then, discuss.

- What does God’s calling to Abraham show you about God and what He desires for his people?
- Have your group take 15 minutes of quiet time to read [Romans 4:13-Romans 5:8](#) a few times quietly on their own. Reflect and pray about the following questions. (*set a timer*)
 - What is a word or phrase in this passage that sticks out to you the most? Why?
 - How does Paul say Abraham’s story is an example of faith in Jesus?
 - What would it look like to trust what Jesus has done for you more than what you do for Jesus?
 - In your own words, how does this passage help you appreciate what the Gospel of Jesus means to you?
- Bring your group back together to discuss what God showed you all through your time alone in His Word. Give everyone 5 minutes or so to share.

Make sure to encourage your group that the Gospel is not about our effort to earn favor with God, but what God has done for us to save us through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. When we trust what God has done for us, we find hope and confidence to persevere through the daily trials and confusion of our lives.

Apply

Have everyone partner up and share a specific way you need to remember and trust what Jesus has done for you. Spend time praying for each other as the Holy Spirit leads.