

MILESTONES

WEEK 1 DISCUSSION GUIDE

"The Call of Abraham"

READ

This week we started a new series called Milestones. This series is about the history of Israel, and milestone moments that defined them and their relationship with God. As we look through these stories, we find that these milestone moments speak into our lives. The history of the people of Israel begins with Abraham.

God called Abraham and Sarah to leave the security of everything and everyone that they knew. He promised that they would prosper, and that they would be the beginning of a great nation. God didn't choose them because they were qualified. He chose them because they said yes. God created Israel out of a barren couple that said "yes" to Him. This was Israel's first milestone moment. Abraham and Sarah stepped out in faith even though they didn't know where they were going. Instead of finding security in the place and people that they knew, they put it in God's hands and followed Him.

DISCUSS

Just for fun, share some milestone moments from your own life.

When you say "yes" to something you always say "no" to something else. Tell us about a time when you had difficulty saying "yes" to one thing, because it meant saying "no" to another thing.

Is there something in your life that you are saying "yes" to that you know you should be saying "no" to?

Is there something in your life that you are saying "no" to that you know you should be saying "yes" to?

What needs to change so that you can say "yes" to the right things?

Abram and Sarai were not qualified to start a nation. They were elderly and had no children. But God cares more about our willingness than our qualifications. Do you have a heart for something that you feel unqualified to do?

PRAY FOR YOUR GROUP

Pray that we will be honest with ourselves about what things in our lives we need to start saying "no" to. Pray that we will be more concerned about God's calling than we are about our own qualifications.

PRAY FOR FCC

Pray that we will be a church of people who say "yes" to God. Pray that we will say "no" to the distractions that keep us from saying "yes" to God.

PRAY FOR OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS

Please pray for our global partners everywhere who welcome our short-term missionaries and interns as they deepen their relationships and listen to the call to come. We pray specifically that God would move hearts to soften and hear His call upon their lives to come be part of a life changing journey to engage with every tribe and nation. Please pray God will bring more of our church family to take a step of faith in our upcoming global trips to Chile and India. As we listen, He leads us deeper. Pray that God will bring more who are willing to step out of their comfort zone to see how He ministers to others.