

# FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

## **Learning to Walk with God:**

### **A Series Based on Abraham in Genesis 12–25**

#### **Part Seven: What God Expects of You, Genesis 17**

The average person learns to walk at the age of one, but learning to walk with God is different, perhaps harder. How would your life be better if you walked more closely with God? We learn in this series from the example of Abraham in Genesis 12-25. We continue in Part Seven this week with God repeating His great promises, but also establishing what He expected of Abraham in return. What does God expect of us if we are going to walk with Him? Read Genesis 17.

It was God who initiated with Abraham and was inviting Him into a personal relationship, but here in chapter 17, God established some things He expected of Abraham to be active in that relationship. Our relationship with God is always based on His love and grace. But do we expect that God has no expectations of us once we are in a relationship with Him? Consider these expectations...

God expects you to know Him personally.

God expects you to follow Him passionately.

God expects you to reflect His purposefully.

#### **Questions for Group Discussion:**

1. Why is grace so important for you to have a relationship with God?
2. What are the ways that people often abuse or take God's grace for granted?
3. What is the difference between knowing God and knowing about God?
4. How would you describe your knowledge of God intellectually and personally?
5. Is it important (why or not) to focus on Jesus when relating or referring to God?
6. Describe what it means to walk before God as stated in Genesis 17:1.
7. Is your relationship with God about you following Him or something else?
8. What are the signs in your life that you have a relationship with God?

#### **Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:**

What will you do to strengthen your relationship with God this week?

How will you live better and help others do the same because of this study?

#### **Notes & Reflections:**