

# FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

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

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

#### **Part Eight: A Heart that is Aligned with God's, Genesis 18**

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 Eight this week with the importance of knowing God's heart and aligning our hearts with His. Read Genesis 18.

Abraham and Sarai had received news that they were finally going to have a son of their own, but at the end of chapter 18, the attention turned to the wickedness that was happening in Sodom & Gomorrah. Anticipation was building as to what God would be doing there, which prompted Abraham to begin an unusual negotiation with God. As you read their conversation, consider how God was working to align Abraham's heart with His. You know that your heart is aligning with God when...

You Appreciate the Consequence of Sin.

You Appreciate the Character of God.

You Act with Compassion on behalf of other people.

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

1. Describe a time when you tried to negotiate with someone in higher authority.
2. What was God hoping to teach Abraham through the negotiation in chp. 18?
3. Describe a time when you felt the weight and seriousness of your sin.
4. As you have grown older, how has your awareness of sin changed?
5. How does an appreciation of sin impact your walk with God?
6. How is God able to be a perfect Judge and loving Father at the same time?
7. What attributes of God's character inspire you to love and worship Him?
8. What is the most compassionate thing someone has ever done for you?

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

What will you do to be more in sync with God's heart this week?

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

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