

# FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

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

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

#### **Part Six: Learning to Wait While You Walk, Genesis 16**

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 Six this week with the difficult reality that walking with God often means waiting on God. Read Genesis 16.

Abraham and Sarai were running out of patience here in chapter 16. They were not getting any younger and were still unable to have a child of their own. It was like a crisis of urgency swelled over them and pushed them to force a human solution to a God-sized problem. Their mistake teaches us the importance of patience when learning to walk with God. We find encouragement with these three truths...

God's Pace is Greater than Our Pace.

God's Plan is Greater than Our Plan.

God's Patience is Greater than Our Patience.

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

1. How would you describe Abram & Sarai's decision in chapter 16?
2. Describe a time when you had to wait longer than you were expecting.
3. Why is patience so important when it comes to walking with God?
4. Describe a time when impatience led you to a bad decision.
5. What are some practical ways to anticipate the pace of God?
6. When your plans don't line up with God's plan, what do you do?
7. How should you respond to God in light of His patience towards you?

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

What will you do to practice more patience with God and others this week?  
How will you live better and help others do the same because of this study?

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