

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

Learning to Walk with God:

A Series Based on Abraham in Genesis 12–25

Part Ten: Learning from Our Mistakes, Genesis 20

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 Ten with things to consider as we walk with God continuing to be sinners in a sinful world. Read Genesis 20:1–18.

Here we go again! Back in Genesis 12, Abraham had made a mess of things in Egypt when he lied to Pharaoh about Sarah. Once again in chapter 20, some 25 years later, Abraham told the same lie to the king of Gerar. It reminds us that our struggle with sin is not over even as we walk with God. Grace paves the way for us to walk, but what should we consider to help us in our ongoing struggle?

As we walk with God, life moves forward in a sinful world.

As we walk with God, life moves forward in our sinful bodies.

As we walk with God, life moves forward in need of God.

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Remember Abraham's excuse for lying. What excuses do you make for sin?
2. What are the influences of this world that cause you to struggle the most?
3. What was the real source of Abraham's sin? What about your own sin?
4. Why did God continue to call Abraham a prophet even after he lied?
5. Why might God have spared Abimelech from the punishment of Abraham's sin?
6. Are you influencing the world around you or is it influencing you?
7. Who has influenced you in a positive way during a hostile situation?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will you do to deal honestly with your sin this week?

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

Notes & Reflections: