

RELATIONSHIP

BECAUSE LOVE REQUIRES CHANGE

WEEK 4 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- **Have you ever made a life changing decision that was out of your comfort zone? What was that like? If not, is there something that needs to change in your life that you have been putting off?**

CONSIDER

- **What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?**

CHRIST

Read Proverbs 11:25

- In part A of the verse it says “a generous person will prosper” - **How have you been generous lately? This could be with your time, money, resources or gifts.**
- In part B of the verse it says “whoever refreshes others will be refreshed”. This weekend Aaron talked about how some people wear us out or they fill us up. We should have people in our lives who fill us up. **Who are the people in your life that fill you up? How often do you see them? Talk about who it is and why they fill you up.**
- This week we learned about how when we love someone and they love us back this love can require us to make changes in our lives. Just like Jesus’ love for us causes us to change out of love for HIM, we make changes for those we love. **As you think about this, are there changes that need to be made that you have struggled with? If you have made changes in the past what were they and were they helpful?**

Read Genesis 12 as a group

- In verse 1 God calls Abram to leave his home because He has a bigger and better plan for Abram. Abram left what was comfortable and left his past behind because God told him to. He was obedient to God's call on his life. **What next step do you feel God might be asking you or your family to take?**
- Verses 4-9 talk about Abram's incredible journey. Abram took action and he went just as God had asked him to. Sometimes in life we say we are going to do something but then we don't do it. In this case Abram said yes I will GO to a new country and then he DID! He did the hard thing. **Have you ever said you were going to do something but then you didn't? Or maybe you said you were going to do something and then you DID? What were those experiences like? If you took action are you glad you did?**
- When Abram set out on his journey God did not give him a map telling him where to go. Abram went fully trusting that God would show him the way as it was happening. And God did show him the way. Abram had A LOT of faith and trust with God in this story. **If you were in Abram's shoes how would you have reacted? Would you blindly go to the new country? Would you ask questions? Would you have argued with God or said "I'm not going"? Do you currently fully trust God to guide your life?**

CALLING

- In Genesis 12:2-3 we see that God makes a lot of promises to Abram. And God kept his promise. Over and over again in the Bible we see God keeping his promises. **Read the following together to hear some of his many KEPT promises.**
 - Deuteronomy 31:8
 - John 16:33
 - Psalm 32:8
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
 - Isaiah 40:31
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text DEVO to 81212 or use the Study tab in Northside's mobile app for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** *"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* **Jeremiah 29:11**
- **Further Study:** Read *What On Earth Am I Here For* by Rick Warren (pages 279-338)