



Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

### USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.

## Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

### The Big Idea

The difference between almost in and all in is obedience.

### Message Summary

We know that God is faithful, and yet He still calls us to partner with Him in bringing the blessings of heaven to the people on earth. He calls us out of comfort into covenant to be conduits, and He's looking for people who will fully commit to that process so that we can fully receive the promise. This week we saw how God used discomfort over many years and miles in order to get and ALMOST IN mindset out of Abraham and replace with an ALL IN mindset. What made the difference? Obedience. Simply put, the difference between almost in and all in is obedience.

### Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What is the most difficult thing God has ever asked you to do or is asking you to do now?
- Knowing that God waited 25 years before providing a son for Abraham, how would you expect Abraham to react to God's instructions in verse 2? Why doesn't he object? What can we learn about Abraham based on his prompt, obedient actions in verses 3-10?
- Read James 1:3-4, 12 and 1 Peter 1:6-7. What do we learn from these passages about why God tests us? How has your faith been tested, and what did you learn about the strength of your faith in God's faithfulness?
- How ready would you be to quickly obey God if you sensed Him calling you to do something extraordinary? What might hinder you from heeding the call?
- What do you think is the greatest barrier between being almost in and all in?
- It can be daunting to go all in, but what does 2 Chronicles 16:9 promise will happen when we do? Close out the group by praying and thanking God for His faithfulness!