

# longing for LIGHT

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LONGING FOR LOVE | ABRAHAM AND SARA | Genesis 11-18

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## S U M M A R Y

This past weekend was the second weekend of Advent, which is a time of longing, waiting, and expectation for the arrival of Jesus. This week we looked at the story of Abram and Sarai, who would become Abraham and Sarah, as they lived towards the promise of God to make them into a great nation through whom the world would be blessed.

## R E A D

Genesis 12:1-9; Genesis 16:1-16; Genesis 17:1-8; Genesis 18:9-15

*Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.*

## D I S C U S S

- 1) How do you see God seeking to restore the goodness of his creation through this story?
- 2) Why do you think that God chooses to partner with people to bless instead of just doing it himself?
- 3) What echoes of the fall are you seeing in the story of Hagar and Sarai?
- 4) How does fear that God will not come through on (or perhaps that he's not actually good) cause Abram and Sarai to try to take control of the situation?
- 5) How can fear cause us to propagate the curse instead of undoing it through blessing?

## R E S P O N D

During advent, we are responding to the light through four practices – naming the darkness through confession, waiting for the dawn in silence, turning to the light in repentance, and acknowledging what is revealed through adoration.

Take time as a group to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where you might be lacking love in your life.

### CONFESS

Name your *fear*. Write down the specifics – memories, words, phrases, lies, attitudes.

### LISTEN

Spend 5 minutes in silence with the following posture:  
'Jesus, I wait for your *love*.'

### REPENT

Take some time to submit your *fear*. Be specific.  
'Jesus, I give you my *fear*.'

### ADORE

Allow Jesus to make the exchange of your *fear* for his *love*.

## P R A Y

Read Psalm 27 in a posture of gratitude and adoration.

As a group, take time to pray your adoration.



FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE, BY PRACTICING THE WAY OF JESUS TOGETHER