

Bethel Church Community Groups :: Week of 11/27/16

Genesis 16

1. [CONTENT] As a group read Genesis 16 together
 - a. We asked these questions of the text last week but its worth discussing again:
 - i. What observations can we make about the character of God here?
 - ii. What observations can we make about ourselves (through Abram, Sarai, and Hagar?)
2. [CONTENT] Now read Hebrews 11.1-2
 - a. What is faith? (Put it in your own words now)
 - b. Where are Abram and Sarai failing to exercise faith? What would it look like for them to live by faith here?
3. [OPINION] What does it look like today to exercise the kind of faith where we “wait on God” the way they should have? Obviously we can’t just sit on the couch and do nothing all day – so what does it look like to live in total dependence on God?
 - a. What are some of the things we are tempted to place our faith in other than God?
 - b. What does it look like to combat that?
4. [OPINION] We talked on Sunday about the importance of not wanting God’s gifts above God himself.
 - a. Briefly throw out a couple ideas on how to keep ourselves from being fixated on God’s gifts and not God.
5. [CONTENT] Now read Romans 1.18-25 together as a group.
 - a. What kind of people are being described here?
 - b. In what ways do they prioritize God’s gifts over God himself?
 - c. Can you identify from these verses what they were missing that led to this? (v21)
 - d. What then does it look like to “glorify God” in our lives? What does it look like to “give him thanks?”
6. Its Christmas time, lots going on. Talk as a group about what kind of ways you might be able to get together outside of a regular meeting time to just hang out, OR a way you might be able to IMPACT people around you this holiday season (serving friends, community, etc).
7. Pray for one another before you go.