

## Conversation Starters

- If you were a famous musician, what would you require each venue to have for you when you got there?

## Discuss

<sup>1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” <sup>4</sup> So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed (Gen. 12:1-4 NLT).

- Did God tell Abram where to go before he left?
- While God doesn’t always do things in that order, what does it say about some of the decisions you think God is calling you to make in your own life? What stops you from making those decisions?
- Why does God tell Abram he will bless him and the nation he plans to make from him (see v. 2)? Why do you have the blessings you have like a home, food, cars, etc.? What might God be calling you to do with those blessings?

Read Hebrews 8:8-12:

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

- What enabled Abram (or Abraham) to make the decision to follow God even though he didn’t know where God was leading him?
- Do you have the faith to trust God and follow Him where you think He’s calling you? If not, what’s stopping you – fear, selfishness, pride, uncertainty, or something else?
- Was God faithful to fulfill his promise to Abram (Abraham)? Do you have any reason to doubt He’ll be faithful to fulfill His promises to you?

## **Next Steps**

- What can you do this week to work towards answering God’s calling on your life?
- How can you start building your faith in God?

## **Pray**

Father, thank you for fulfilling your promise to Abraham. We share in that blessing today. Please give us courage and faith to trust and follow You.