

Royal Redeemer CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for July 8-9, 2017:
Abraham



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect**
 - Tell a story from your life about leaving home.
- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

*The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. **Genesis 12:1-4***

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Why might it have been necessary for Abraham to leave home?
- What might have been some of the challenges Abraham faced in leaving his home?
- What challenges have you or someone in your family faced with leaving home?
- What blessings does God promise Abraham?

*“The very first sign of a potential hero’s journey is that he or she must leave home, the familiar, which is something that may not always occur to someone in the first half of life. (In fact many people have not left home by their thirties today, and most never leave the familiar at all!) If you have spent many years building your particular tower of success and self-importance – your personal ‘salvation project,’ as Thomas Merton called it – or have successfully constructed your own superior ethnic group, religion, or ‘house,’ you won’t want to leave it. - Richard Rohr, *Falling Upward**

- When have you been challenged to “leave home”, that is, to leave what is familiar and comfortable?
- How can finding your home in the familiar and comfortable take the place of finding your home in God? What blessing are you likely to miss?

- **Serve**

- Where is God calling you to GO today, to leave the familiar and comfortable to pursue His call?
 - If you are unsure, how might you better listen for God’s call?
 - If you hear His call, what are the obstacles to saying yes?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**