

Discussion / Reflection Guide -- “Tough Call”
Week of January 14, 2018

Read Genesis 12:1-5

- God asked Abram to pack up and leave his family and his home. His family and home was what he knew and felt comfortable with. God was essentially calling him to leave his comfort zone. Not everyone is called of God to go to a strange and distant land, but He often wants us to leave our comfort zone. This is a tough call.
- Share a time when you felt a similar “call” – even if it was “just” a call to leave your comfort zone. What hesitations did you have? How did you respond?
- Luke 14:26 speaks about how our love for God should be so much greater than our love for our family that our love for family should be seen as “hatred.” God is essentially saying we are to love God much, much, much more than we love even our family. We are to love God much more than all that is dear to us. This is a tough call. How can we love God that much?
- God promised to bless Abram if he obeyed. See Gen. 12:2-3. If you obeyed God’s “call” to leave your comfort zone and step out in faith, did God bless you? What kind of blessings did you receive?
- How old was Abram? Gen. 12:4. God’s call may not be a big deal for someone who is 25, but. . . . Does it surprise you that God would give this kind of call to someone that old? What does this say about the way God looks at “old” people? About God’s desire to use us regardless of our age?
- What is the primary lesson you hear in this passage? How can you apply that in your own life this week?