



Sermon Based Small Group – Series – Jump; Leaving Your Comfort Zone

The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through relationships, as we worship, serve, and belong together.

READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)

Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN

Series: Jump

Opening question: Can you name a time when you did something that was way out of your comfort zone? How did you feel afterwards?

Sermon Synopsis: At age 75 most of us are hoping to be retired. To enjoy what's familiar, predictable, and comfortable. When Abraham was 75 God asked him to uproot his family, leave what was familiar, and go to a place promised to him and his descendants, when he didn't even have kids. Talk about leaving your comfort zone! Sometimes the most fulfilling things in life will require us to leave what's comfortable for what's unknown.

Discipleship Point: Fulfillment is not always comfortable.

Bible Reading

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

Passage(s) from the sermon: Genesis 12: 1-8, Joshua 24: 1-3a

What questions do you have about the passage/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

What would represent leaving your comfort zone financially in giving back to God?

Prayer

Share a one or two sentence prayer request with the Small Group for this next week. Remember these prayer requests are about your life not someone else's.

(Sample Prayer)

God, we thank you for your presence with us. We lift up these requests to you knowing that you care deeply about us...we pray for _____ and _____ and (fill in prayer requests) ... God we know that you have heard our request and we release all outcomes to you and your glory. It's in your Son's name Jesus that we pray...**AMEN.**