



ROUGH CROWD

Rough Crowd- Week 2

We're all aware of our own flaws, screw-ups, and bad decisions. Nobody's perfect—we all miss the mark. But God can do remarkable things with unexpected people. What could he do with a rough crowd like us?

Conversation Starter:

What was your first job? What is something you either liked or hated about it and why?

- **[Watch Darby's Story]**

Discussion Questions:

Today, we're going to spend some time learning about Abraham's story. Abraham is the father of the Jewish nation. He is considered a hero of faith, but his background might surprise you!

- **Read Genesis 12:1-3**

Question 1: At the ripe age of 75, Abraham leaves everything he knows and obeys God's call to follow Him. What do you think caused Abraham to step out in faith like this?

- **Read Genesis 16:1-4**

Question 2: God promised to make Abraham into a great nation, and give him children, something he and his wife wanted more than anything but ten years after the promise, still no babies. What was Abraham and Sarah's solution to the problem? How did that work out for them?

Question 3: Waiting can be painful. Describe a time in your life when you had to wait for something you desperately wanted. How did that affect the way you thought about God?

Question 4: A typical response for each of us in seasons of waiting is to lower our expectations of God and take matters into our own hands, running ahead of Him. Does anyone have an example from their own story they'd be comfortable sharing with the group?

Question 5: When all hope seems lost, when the circumstances seem impossible, God delivers on His promise and Abraham (100), and Sarah (90) have a son! There is nothing that God cannot overcome. What is something you've decided is impossible, that you need to trust Christ for today?

Prayer:

Thank God for continuing to work in our lives despite our own stupidity and shortcomings! Break off into smaller groups and boldly ask God to give you the faith to trust and follow Him even when the circumstances in our lives don't make sense. Pray for the patience needed to wait on His timing and to resist the temptation to make our own solutions to problems that God has already declared victory over.