

Messy
Genesis 12:10-20
Growth Group Questions
Week of January 31, 2016



1. Do you have a story of a real mess you found yourself in? A "how in the world did I get here?" story. Lost, mixed up, bewildered? Share your story briefly with your group.

2. Abram left much behind in his faithful obedience to God, Genesis 11.27-12.7. Way to go Abram! And then the famine, Genesis 12.10! It can be discouraging when we feel we're faithfully (yet imperfectly) obeying the Lord and then famines and troubles come into our lives. Read these couple passages from God's word and talk together about how they encourage us and keep us from "Egypt" and faithless sin (like Abram's deceptions): Psalm 73, Romans 8.28-29, 1 Corinthians 10.12-13.

3. Read as a group Genesis 12.10-20. Abram's fear of the famine and his fear of Pharaoh froze his faith and drove him to sin against the Lord, his wife, and Pharaoh and his whole household. How do you see yourself react to fear in your life? How does the gospel of Jesus help you live in faith even when things seem scary?

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1. The Awesome Global Promise to Abram

Genesis 12.1-9

2. The Holy, or Unholy Mess

Genesis 12.10-20

Genesis 12.10

- Troubles don't always mean you're in God's wrong place,
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Genesis 12.11-13

- God tests us to reveal us to ourselves

- Fear freezes faith
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Genesis 12.14-16

Genesis 12.17-20

- Sin always leaks