

## Week 5: Seeds of Hope

### Fellowship

- **Eat:** Ask someone else to bring the snacks and drinks to provide hospitality.
- **Check-Ins:** In a large group or small groups of 2-3 do an emotional check-in—Last week we explored Genesis 3, how have you experienced the Fall of humanity in this last week? This could be within or without you. If appropriate, confess and pray with another person.

### Adoration

- **Prayer:** Share about the Christian practice of Communion. Read the “Prayer for Communion” in the **Common Prayer** book (pg. 564) or on the App. Take communion together.
- **Worship:** Ask someone to lead worship or use a speaker with your favorite music App.

### Learning

- **Scripture:**
  - Give a brief recap and some context. After Gen 3 envy, murder, and pride run rampant, we have a tragic and strange story of Grace about a man named Noah and his family. There is a de-creation and re-creation with this one family carrying on the blessing from Gen. 1 (cf. Gen. 6-9). And now God is about to start his intended redemption plan (cf. Gen. 3:15) through another family and a man named Abram.
  - Read **Gen. 12:1-4 and Gen. 15**
  - What stands out regarding God's promise to Abram in ch. 12?
  - What stands out in his later interaction with God in ch. 15?
- **Resources:**
  - Short excerpt from **A Passion for God's Story** by Philip Greenslade (pdf on Church @ Home tab or in the shared folder)
- **Dialogue Questions:**
  - What do you think of this concept of covenant? Are you familiar with it? Does it make sense in our modern culture?
  - What type of covenant partner is Abraham? What can we learn from him? How can you relate to him and Sarah?
  - This story may be too familiar. Try to put yourself in the story. Imagine a man having encounters and experiences with this unknown deity, a God whose identity is still quite veiled and mysterious. What do these events demonstrate about this unknown God?
  - Are these things also true about Jesus when we meet him later in the story? Read Paul's words in Galatians 3, how did Paul connect Abraham to Jesus?
- **Implications:**
  - Have you had an encounter or experience with God that redirected your life?
  - Pause. Reflect. Ask the Lord if there is something he promised you long ago that you have forgotten? Is there something he has asked you to do that you have disobeyed? Respond to whatever the Holy Spirit brings to mind.
  - An Application Idea: Try practicing confession this week with a friend. Take it as an opportunity to step back into the grace of God we see present from the earliest moments of creation.