

Who chose your name? What does your name mean?

## Read Genesis 17

What stood out to you? Was there anything that challenged or confused you?

Why do you think God changed Abram's name? What does this say about God?

God outlines a number of benefits of the covenant He is establishing with Abraham (see vv 6-8). Does Abraham go along with this covenant with God "because of" those benefits? What are the benefits? Which seems to be the greatest benefit? Why?

24 years have passed since God made a promise to Abraham about having descendants. No wonder Abraham thought God had forgotten or changed his mind. Has there been a time when you have doubted God's ability to fulfil his promise to you?

God says "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless." V1 What does that verse say to you? How does that verse impact the way you live your life?

Sarah had worked out how to fulfil God's promise to Abraham through her maid servant Hagar. Despite this poor choice and lack of faith in God, she was still included in God's blessing. How has God blessed you in spite of your lack of faith?

What is the significance of circumcision as the sign God picked for the covenant?

We all need to be circumcised today. What does that mean for you?

Abraham was obedient to God's request that all males be circumcised. God's call to you will sometimes require acts of obedience that seem strange to you at the time. Share a time when this has been true for you