

## Cell notes

### Abraham: Living with Promise

On Sunday John spoke about Abraham's journey into the inheritance promised to him by God.

We heard how the life of Abraham provided the perfect example for the church in the book of Hebrews who had begun to lose their focus on the promises that had been revealed to them by God.

In the same way, the life of Abraham provides the perfect example for us as a modern in church in how we can live as "joint heirs with Christ" in the amazing inheritance promised to Abraham. John explained how Abraham was a man who...

- Kept **Listening**
- Kept **Looking Forward &**
- Kept a **Light Grip**

Have a read through the passage from Sunday, Hebrews 11:8-16, and then either discuss some of the questions below, or even better, ask some your own questions that come up as you read through the passage.

1. Abraham was a man who clearly heard the promise of God in his life, when God first spoke to him in Genesis 12. We know from Galatians 3:8 that we are now joint heirs in these promises. What promises do you think God might have got for you personally?

*Note: If the cell is not sure whether God has any specific promises for them, it might be helpful to discuss some of the promises the Bible gives us...*

- *Psalm 103:2-3*
- *Psalm 37:4*
- *Psalm 2:8*
- *Matthew 7:7-11*
- *Romans 8:38-39*

2. Think about the answers you gave to the questions above. How many of the promises were for your benefit only e.g. **my** hope, **my** security, **my** destiny? Remember when God spoke to Abraham he not only promised to bless Abraham, but also his whole family and even that Abraham would become a blessing to the nations.

How do you think God might be calling you to be a blessing to other people, both individually and as cell?

3. Abraham kept listening, looking ahead and also kept a light grip as he followed God's promises for his life. What things can you think of in your own life that might stop you listening to God if he called you today? John specifically mentioned two common causes...
  - Counting the cost of things we would need to sacrifice and
  - Overcoming previous hurt and discouragement.