

# GROWTH GROUPS

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## Hebrews 6:13-20

### Conversation Starter -

Hebrews 6:12 encourages us to imitate those saints who have already inherited the promise given to us in Christ. Who comes to mind when you hear this? Share about a person you know that had a faith you admire.

### Explanation

This passage follows two very difficult passages (6:1-3 and 6:4-12) in which we were challenged to take a genuine look at our faith to see if we can identify the things that “accompany salvation” (v.9) Namely, are we growing in spiritual maturity and are our lives accomplishing the mission of God to greater and greater degree? Though this self-evaluation is critically important, it dangerously lends itself to the mistaken thinking that our salvation might be based on our works instead of the promise and character of God. This promise is described in the current passage.

### Questions -

1. Skim Genesis 12-15 becoming familiar with the life of Abraham (Abram). As a group, develop a one sentence description to sum up each chapter. Abraham is held out as a “saint” we might imitate. What, specifically, about his life are we encouraged to imitate? What is also true about Abraham’s life that we would not want to imitate? How does it make you feel to know that this man is counted as *“one who has inherited what was promised?”*
2. Physically speaking, Abraham had every reason to doubt God’s promise that we would become the “father of many nations.” He was a seventy year old man when this promise was made and by Genesis 15 he would be in his eighties....still without children! God knows our inclination to doubt and so reinforced his promise to Abraham with an oath. What causes you to doubt God’s promise in your life? What do you expect God to do to prove himself?
3. The promise to us, not explicitly stated in this passage, but communicated by Jesus in John 5:24 is called an anchor for the soul. Look once again at John 5:24 and discuss how a promised eternal life in Christ can be provide security and assurance even in the midst of turmoil. Have you experienced this “anchored faith” in a way you are willing to share?

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