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Women of Grace. . . .

4. God is not _____ with you yet.

1. You are _____ to God's _____ of

the Gospel in the world.

5. God is _____ and _____ despite your

2. It's possible to be _____ and

_____ unbelief and your _____

_____.

brokenness.

3. Your _____ and _____ are

God-given opportunities to _____ Him.

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PREPARING to be with One Another

Use a separate sheet of paper or notebook to work through these questions in advance of your Growth Group gathering. The more people come prepared, the richer and deeper and more real our discussions will be with one another.

CONNECTING with One Another

Open your time by checking in with one another to see how you're doing and how one another's week was.

EXPLORING God's Word with One Another

Remember, we're giving you more than you can really discuss here.

Pick a few questions that will take you back into the content of the passage and message.

1. Read Genesis 17:15-19, 18:1-15, again. Also read other Sarah passages in Genesis 21:1-8, I Peter 3:1-6, and Hebrews 11:11
2. How did you "come under God's Word" in this text/message? What was most interesting and/or challenging for you in this week's text/message? What were the thoughts you had and/or the emotions you felt as you grappled with God's Word this week?
3. Talk about Sarah. Who is she? What do we know about her? What sorts of things did she experience and struggle with as Abraham's wife? What were her strengths and weaknesses?

4. What is the significance of Sarah in God's redemptive story which climaxes in Jesus? What does the story of her barrenness illustrate about the Gospel?
5. What was Sarah's struggle of faith? How old was she when God finally answered her longing? Why does God make us wait?
6. What's happening in Genesis 21:6?

APPLYING God's Word with One Another

1. Because men and women are different, their journeys of faith are different too. Growth Group women, explain ways that you think this is true. Men: just listen!
2. Which of the 5 reminders/lessons from Sarah's life was most timely for your heart and faith-walk? (Women go first, then men.)
3. How does the triumph of God's grace despite the bitter laughter and broken sinfulness of Sarah speak to your heart and life? How can God's grace through Sarah's life effect and shape our own lives? In other words, is God's grace practical in any way?

PRAYING for One Another

Share personal requests. Use the truth of the message as a "springboard" to pray for your personal growth, your Growth Group and the growth of our life together at GraceSLO.