SMALL GROUP GUIDE
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

SERMON SUMMARY

Watch the sermon summary video here: https://youtu.be/vNKqCx4ORp0

INTRO

What was your go-to promise as a kid: pinky swear? Cross my heart and hope to die? Something else?

READ

Genesis 15

DISCUSSION

1. Begin by getting some general responses to the message.

2. Pastor Mike opens by asking, "Can you trust God?" and points out that trust in almost every institution is breaking down in our culture. Why do you think trust is so hard for people today, and how does that shape the way we approach trusting God?

3. In vss 1-3, God tells Abram not to be afraid and promises to be his "shield" and "very great reward," but Abram responds with a complaint about his lack of an heir. What can we learn from Abram's honesty and what does it teach us about what real faith looks like?

4. Verse 6 says Abram "believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness." Pastor Mike explained that "credited" is an accounting term — righteousness is received, not achieved. How does this verse connect to your understanding about the relationship between faith and works?

5. Pastor Mike connects Abram's "thick and dreadful darkness" (v. 12) to the darkness that covered the land at the cross, where Jesus bore the curse Abram's descendants deserved. In what way can you connect Genesis 15 to the cross?

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