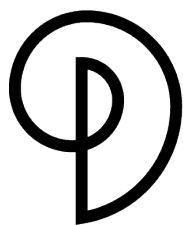


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
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Called to Connect



Transitions: Transitions

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Change is inevitable, but how we navigate change is a choice. We can drag our heels, resist the inevitable and miss the opportunities that change presents, or we can embrace change with an expectant, open attitude—allowing it to expand us and propel us forward.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: GENESIS 12:1-9

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Change is what happens outside of us. Moving to a new community. Switching jobs. The birth of a child. Transition, on the other hand, is what happens within us. It's the stew of anxiety, uncertainty, hope and expectation, learning and growth that happens within us as we move from what we have known to a new reality. Genesis 12 puts some flesh on these concepts as we consider six lessons we can learn from Abram and Sarai's experience of change and transition during their journey from their home country to a new land.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **God often calls us into the unfamiliar.** Share about a time you felt called into the great unknown of God's work in the world.
- **God will show us the way.** Read Exodus 13:20-22, 1 Kings 19:9-18, and John 14:6. How has God shown you the way in the past? How do you hear/discern God's leading in your life?
- **The ultimate purpose of change and transition is to bless us to be a blessing.** How have you been blessed through a time of change and transition? How were you then able to BE a blessing in that situation?
- **Community matters.** In what way(s) has the strength and comfort of community been beneficial to you during a time of change and transition? How can you "be community" to someone else today/this week?
- **We journey in stages, and that requires patience.** Do you consider yourself to be a patient person? Share a story about a time when you were patient and a story about a time when you weren't patient. Which story had a better ending?
- **Worship is essential.** Describe a powerful worship experience you have had. What made it so impactful? Share about a time when pausing to worship was exactly what you needed to move forward through a time of change and transition.

APPLICATION: Re-read Genesis 12:1-9 with these lessons in mind. Then, think about a transition you are currently going through. How do these lessons apply to your story?