WEEK 2

NEVER GIVE UP

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Genesis 11:27-32 (NIV)

LET'S GO

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Hiking in Yosemite National Park is a transformative experience. Towering granite peaks, ancient glaciers, cascading waterfalls, serene rivers and vibrant meadows surround you with the profound beauty of one of God's masterpieces. Yet, the journey can be demanding - steep inclines, technical trails and fatigue will test your resolve.

In those moments, the temptation to think, "I've seen enough; I'll turn back," can feel overwhelming. So, instead of pushing through, the idea of settling seems like the best option. But what we may not realize is that just beyond the next bend lies a view even more breathtaking than we imagined; waiting to reward us if we persevere.

The journey of faith mirrors Abraham's story - a divine invitation to a life beyond our wildest dreams, where steps of faith can feel exhilarating, yet at times, grueling and uncertain. Abraham's life teaches us that refusing to settle and pressing forward in trust leads to God's promises.

Temptation to settle tested Abraham early on in his journey. Soon after embracing God's call, he faced a daunting challenge: famine struck Canaan, pushing him to seek refuge in Egypt's prosperity (Genesis 12:10). There, the allure of safety and abundance could have anchored him. Why couldn't God use him there within the safety net of Egypt? Why push himself outside of his comfort zone? Egypt was a great place to stay, but it wasn't where God was leading. God had something better in mind, and Abraham's journey reveals the power of choosing the path of faith over the temptation of comfort.

Abraham's life shows us that God meets us in ways that transcend our imagination, unveiling wonders that make every step worthwhile, even the difficult ones. But to see this, we have to refuse to settle. We have to keep walking forward.

- 1. Why is that remarkable and unique about Abraham's family lineage, and why is that relevant to his story?
- 2. What has been easy along your journey with God? What has been difficult?
- 3. When you read Hebrews 4:3-11, what comes to your mind about settling?
- 4. What promises does God have for us if we refuse to settle?

Prayer

Ask God to grow our generational impact through our CompassKids and Student Ministries. May our young people carry on His mission into the future in order to continue a legacy of spiritual impact in and through The Compass Church.