



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

Describe one of the biggest acts of faith that God has called you to recently or in the past.

How did you know it was the Lord, and what was the outcome/reward of taking that risk in faith and obedience?

[digging deeper]

This last weekend we looked at the risk-taking actions that Abraham took when the Lord initially called him. What was something that stood out to you from the message or that the Lord impressed on you due to the message?

Note to leaders: For a simple but clear commentary piece on what we can learn from the Life of Abraham, you can read from this link prior to your LifeGroup to help you prepare and expand on your understanding of Abraham:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/life-Abraham.html>

Read the following Scripture passages: Genesis 11:27-12:7; Acts 7:2-4; Hebrews 11:8. Write down as many observations as you can regarding the risks God was calling Abraham to take. Which of the risks that Abraham was called to take would be easiest for you and which one would be the most difficult? Explain your thoughts to your LifeGroup.

How do we see the Gospel of Christ demonstrated even as early as the life of Abraham? Read the following verses to help elaborate: Galatians 3:7-9, 29 and John 8:56.

This quarter, CVC's recommended supplemental read is *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper. You can download it or pick one up at the info center at the church. You can also find a PDF at:

https://cdn.desiringgod.org/pdf/books_dwyl/dwyl_full.pdf

The following is a quote from the book:

"...the Christian life is a call to risk... It is the will of God that we be uncertain about how life on this earth will turn out for us. And therefore it is the will of the Lord that we take risks for the cause of God" (p. 86).

Do you agree? Disagree?

Circle the descriptor below that best describes you as one who will “take risks for the cause of God.” Underneath it, write down 3-5 actions steps that can help you grow to the next level of risk-taking.

Consistent risk taker

Occasional risk taker

Rarely a risk taker

Not a risky cell in my body

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What are your thoughts about the following statement: “Obedience is not one act of risk and faith, but living a life of obedience to God that takes daily risks of faith”? How can you support, strengthen, or refine this statement to help you take more consistent risks out of your desire to live for and obey the Lord?

When you think of the challenge to be risk-takers for Christ, which Fruit of New Life do you feel drawn to take more risks in: Beloved Child, Self-Feeder, Servant, Investor, Discippler, Missionary?

[living it out]

How can your LifeGroup members and any other close Christian friends help you grow in your risk-taking ability? (What is a question they can ask you? When do you want them to ask you next? What is a prayer they can pray for you?)

What do you sense God wanting you to do in light of this time that involves a spiritual, relational, conversational, or financial risk for the cause of Christ?

Take all that you have learned and all that has been laid out as application steps for you and your LifeGroup members and spend some time praying over them as you close.