

- 1. Do you like taking risks? Why or why not? Do you think God is against us taking risks? What do you think the world would be like if no one ever took risks? How would it be different? What do you consider to be the biggest risk you have ever taken? How did it turn out?
- 2. Read Genesis 12:1-8. Do you think you would have taken the risk that Abraham took in leaving everything that was familiar to him? Was this part of a plan God had for Abraham? What plan? What do you think God would have done if Abraham had chosen to not obey Him? How would it have affected Abraham's life? Do you think that at the end of his life, Abraham was glad he had decided to obey God?
- 3. Do you know of anyone who has taken a risk before and it turned out well for them? Do you know anyone who has taken a risk before and it *did not* turn out well for them? What difference do you think it makes when the risk you are taking is because you obeying a command from God? What are some things God asks us to do as His children that you would consider risky?
- 4. Read Mark 8:34-37. What do you think Jesus meant when he talked about losing and saving your life? Do you think that the idea of "losing your life" is a risk? How? What did it mean for Abraham? Does God promise a good outcome for those who "lose their life"? When God promises the outcome of an action, is it really still "a risk"? What do you think it would look like to "lose your life"?
- 5. What were the five things Pastors Rick and Jason said we should do in order to become "godly risk takers"?
  - Answer— 1. Respond the moment God calls you to go. 2. Pray in faith that God will provide what you need. 3. Read the Bible to follow the example of others who took risks for God. 4. Seek godly counsel from people you respect their spiritual insight. 5. Yield to the Holy Spirit as He directs through the Word of God what you should do.
- 6. What are some "godly risks" that you can begin to attempt this week because you feel God is asking you to?