

# Life Group Discussion Guide

What If? - September 12

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Commissioning Service | September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

You are invited to join our church family, as well as pastors and leaders, throughout our community to celebrate a new chapter of Abundant Life Church. We will recognize the journey that has come before and fix our eyes on Jesus for the road ahead. Information about how to RSVP coming soon.

### Marriage Night | October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30pm

Come laugh and learn with your spouse as you hear from marriage experts and discover how to honor God in your marriage. Information and registration at [alcpnw.events](http://alcpnw.events).

## LEADER NOTES

This week Pastor Gareth continued our What If? series by asking, “What if God uses our limitations to accomplish His purposes?” While we often view our fears and limitations as obstacles, God views them as opportunities to show us His goodness and purpose. As you discuss limitations and fears, you may need to set the tone for the conversation by sharing your own experiences. These can be easy questions to answer at a surface level. If your group is going to get real with one another, you need to be willing to lead the way.

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

## THIS WEEK’S TEXT

### Genesis 15:1-6 (NIV)

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.”<sup>5</sup> He took him outside and

said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.”

Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

## LOOK UP

In this week’s text, Abram had already given up his dream of having a son, but God never did. In fact, God had even more in store. What dreams has God given you?

## LOOK AROUND

What do you see as your greatest limitation?

Are you aware of God’s presence with you each day? If not, what is distracting you?

In Genesis 15, God offered Abram promise, provision, and protection. Today, God offers each of these through Jesus. How have you experienced the promise, provision, and protection of God?

## LOOK AHEAD

What would it look like for you to abide in Jesus in your daily life? To recognize His presence, not just at church or in prayer, but also in your regular routine?

## PRAY

Thinking back to the limitations shared earlier in your discussion, spend some time in Jesus’ presence and pray God would use your limitations and fears to reveal His goodness and purpose.