

Sermon for September 23/24, 2023



# SMALL GROUPS

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## THREE THINGS TO KNOW

**DON'T MISS THIS.** Marriage today can feel crazy, chaotic and challenging. Finding the right resources to help can be mind-boggling. Join us for **DOING MARRIAGE BETTER**, a two-hour time to have fun and discover valuable hacks to improve your marriage hosted by expert Ted Lowe! This could be a great date night for you and your spouse, or consider inviting another couple or your group and make a night of it. October 6 from 7–9 PM at the Cascade Campus or online. Visit [adabible.info >info & events](https://adabible.info/info&events) to register.

**GROUP VALUES.** This September, we are focusing on the value of sharing our spiritual STORIES. We believe God can move through our stories to inspire others in their faith journey. Often, God uses other people to point us to him. Take an opportunity this month in your small group to talk about some people in your life who have impacted your faith journey and who you are in Christ today.

**GROW AS A LEADER.** Make sure to check out the **LEADER'S FACEBOOK PAGE** if you haven't lately. It's a great place to stay informed about what's happening around Ada Bible Church and in small groups. Connect with us at [facebook.com/groups/adasmallgroupleaders](https://facebook.com/groups/adasmallgroupleaders).

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Welcome to the fourth week of our sermon series, [BREAKING POINT](#). This week, we consider what it looks like to be in a season of waiting through the story of Abram and Sarai.

Who are you thankful for in this season of life, and why?

### THIS WEEK'S TEXT

Have someone read [Genesis 16:1-16](#).

Who are the main characters in this story, and what are their relationships with each other?

How do they each respond to their circumstances?

How does God respond to the characters in the passage?

## **THIS WEEK'S SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Manion talked about our response in seasons of waiting and what we believe about God in those seasons. As a group, name the main points shared in the sermon.

Which part of the sermon most encouraged or challenged you, and why?

Why might people not trust God during a season of waiting?

What are some of your typical feelings or responses when in a season of waiting?

What practices can you implement to build your faith and trust in God during a season of waiting instead of running toward a breaking point?

This week's passage shows how families can be common spaces for breaking points to happen. What family relationships do you most need God's help to love and respond well? Share with your group and commit to praying for each other this week.

When was the last time you felt seen by God, and what did that look like?

Is there anything else from this sermon you wanted to talk about?

## **WRAP UP**

Today, we talked about how God sees us and wants us to trust him, especially in seasons of waiting and despair. What is one thing you can do this week to remember God is good and can be trusted?