



GOD'S DILEMMA | WEEK 3

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Why do we get suspicious when something looks too easy? Our skeptical grimace shows on our faces when we are thinking, "That's too good to be true." When it comes to making a big purchase, getting a sweetheart deal on a stock sale, or "Have I got a deal for you," skepticism is often smart and warranted. When it comes to God, we can let our skepticism blind us to understanding God and what he truly wants from us to be his followers.

CONNECT

When you are confronted with an impossibly large problem, how do you tend to react?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read Genesis 12:1-4. Given Abraham's circumstances, do you think it was hard for him to believe God's promises? Why or why not?

Abraham proved to be very human and made many bad choices. In other words, he was far from perfect.

Why do you think God almost always picked quite imperfect people to accomplish what he wanted?

What are some ways that people try to earn God's acceptance?

APPLY IT

What experiences have you had that made or makes it difficult for you to trust God?

How is God currently calling you to trust him and have faith not knowing the outcome?

Read Mark 5:30-34.

Is trusting and having faith in God easy or hard for you? Talk about that with your group.

PRAY

It's the end of the discussion time, and you are likely feeling rushed to let everyone go. Maybe it went longer than you planned. Maybe the kids are past restless. **HOLD ON!** Don't overlook this crucial part of living life together. We get closer to people the more we know who they really are and what they are dealing with.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.