

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GUIDE: September 12, 2010

Route 66 (a spiritual journey through God's 66 books)

“JESUS TAKE THE WHEEL”

Highway: Genesis 12-50

Format: Opening Prayer; 30 min Small Group discussion; 15 min Open Forum on what you discussed and questions you may have

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What are some things people do when fear grips them?
2. What's your experience with fear?

DIG INTO IT

1. A covenant is an agreement or promise between two or more parties. List some of the promises God made with the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob...

Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3)

Isaac (Genesis 26:1-6, 23-25)

Jacob (Genesis 28:10-22)

2. Fear gripped the patriarchs at different times. Discuss the different ways Abraham, Isaac and Jacob reacted to situations that caused fear: Abraham and Sarah traveling through Egypt (Gen 12:13)...Abraham and the possible destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah (Gen 18:27,28)... Abraham and Sarah not able to have children (Gen 16:1-2) ...Isaac about to be sacrificed by his father (Gen 22:6-8)...Jacob and the stairway to heaven (Gen 28:16, 17).

3) America was in the Great Depression and in his 1933 Inaugural Address President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” In what sense is that true for a Christian? In what sense is that not true for a Christian? (Discuss this before you look up these passages (John 20:19-20; Exodus 20:18-19)

DISCUSS IT

1. Name some situations where fear overtakes God's people and they break God's commandments and say dark things they shouldn't say or do things they should never do.
2. When someone breaks his or her promise with you, how does it affect your relationship with that person?
3. What is God's relationship with us, even though we have broken our promises to him again and again? (II Corinthians 5:17-21)

PRAY ABOUT IT

1. What is God telling me in this section of Scripture? 2. In what way does this Scripture section makes me glad? 3. How does it make me sad? 4. What do I want to pray for?