



# Faithful MESS

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM

TERM 2, 2024  
**DNA BOOKLET**



# TERM OVERVIEW

God is faithful in the mess. He's faithful to his promises and uncompromising in his mercy and love - even when his people keep stuffing up really badly. That's what we'll be seeing across our Term 2 series on the life of Abraham from Genesis 12-25. I hope that you're deeply encouraged to trust God and to do so as a flawed person in a messy world.

I've certainly experienced the messiness of the world in my current season (including going on leave) and that is why you'll notice a difference with the bible studies for this term. Each week we'll be using the Swedish method to work through the bible passages. In God's providence I trust it's actually a fresh and encouraging experience for your group.

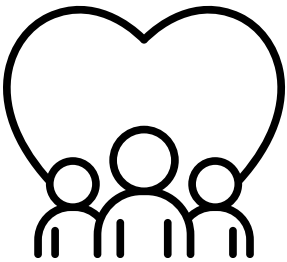


“ **James Ritchie**  
Preaching and Mission Pastor ”

# HOW TO BE GROWING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS AS YOU STUDY GOD'S WORD...

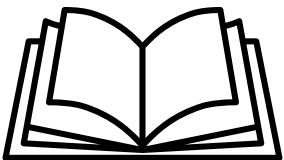
## IN COMMUNITY

It's good to study the Bible by yourself but it's even better to do it with friends. Bible study is best when it happens in the context of community. Bible study shouldn't be just an unrelated add-on to the rest of your busy life, it should be an essential part of an integrated whole—Christian friends doing what Christian friends do. There are two key ways we should be making use of God's word in community: "word to life" and "life to word".



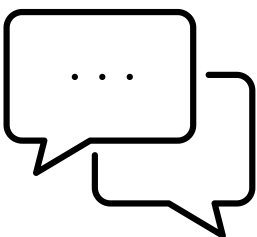
## WORD TO LIFE

When we study the Bible together we're letting God set the agenda. That's very important! We listen to God speak in the Bible, we work hard to help each other understand exactly what he's saying, and then together we apply what God is saying to our lives in the confidence that our loving Creator and Redeemer knows what's best for us. The important thing to remember is that we actually need each other throughout this whole process. It's great to study the Bible together!



## LIFE TO WORD

The second crucial way that we should be making use of the Bible in community is in day-to-day conversation, starting with the everyday happenings of our lives and applying the gospel to those situations. The great thing is that the better we get at moving from "word to life", the better we'll get at moving from "life to word" and the more our communities will be shaped by the gospel of Jesus! So enjoy—make the most of it—and let's watch as God shapes us to be more and more like his glorious Son!



# MAKE A PLAN TO COME ALONG

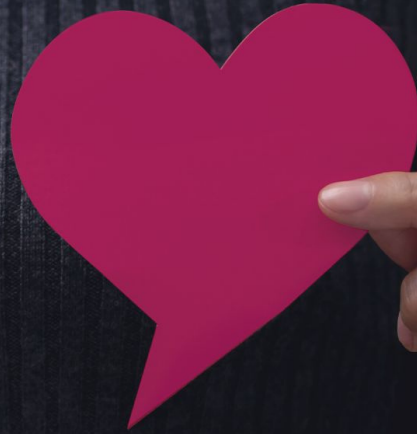
## *Language of the Heart*

HELPING EACH OTHER TO SPEAK THE WORDS OF LIFE INTO EVERYDAY LIFE

### **EQUIP**

WITH PETE GREENWOOD

TUESDAY, MAY 14 - 7:30PM @ PARK AVE



## *Are you satisfied?*

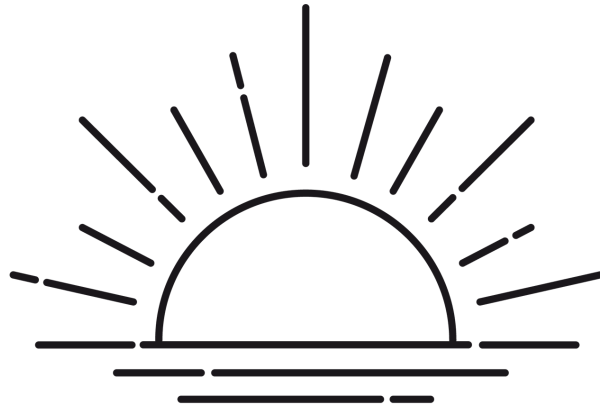


Food for thought with

### **LUKE THOMAS**

### **MAY 26**

9:30AM & 5PM



# HOPE | EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST FUTURE  
YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE?

*Over three sessions, Hope Explored presents the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and provides an opportunity to discover how he fulfils three great longings we all experience: the longing for hope, peace, and purpose.*

**Tuesday May 28, June 4 and June 11**

10 Park Avenue, East Lismore

6:30-8:30-pm

Dinner provided





Colossians 3:16 says “Let the word of Christ dwell among you richly...”

How do we let the word of Christ dwell among us richly? We take it to heart!

**Each term this year we'll have the opportunity to learn part of the scriptures we're studying off by heart.**

In Term 2 we're introducing '*Off by Heart...Beats!*'

Together as Gospel Communities we will be memorising Galatians 3:7-9.

In your Gospel Community choose a song and put the memory verse to it. This is a chance to come together as a GC, encourage each other and spur each other on in the memorisation process. So, grab the kids, grab the youth, grab the young adults and the not-so-young adults, even grab your dog! Start singing together and taking these words to heart!

Videos of your GC's '*Off by Heart... Beats!*' can be sent to [office@scpc.org.au](mailto:office@scpc.org.au). Some videos may be shown in our Sunday Gatherings or on our socials.

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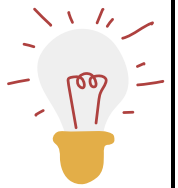
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**READ Genesis 12:1-9**

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What shines out from this passage? What insight did it provide?

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What questions came to mind? Is there anything you didn't understand?

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What is the central idea, or heart, of the passage?

Can you write it in one sentence?





How does the truth and message in the passage point to Jesus?  
How does it fuel your worship?



What can be transformed in your thinking, desires and actions from this passage?



With whom could you share what you've learned?  
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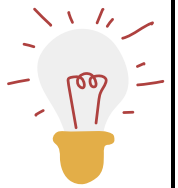
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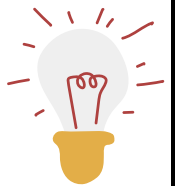
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**READ Genesis 16-17:21**

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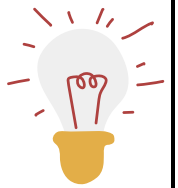
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**READ Genesis 18-19:26**

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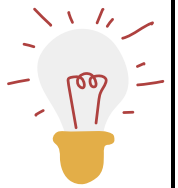
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**READ Genesis 20-21**

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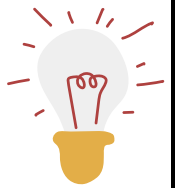
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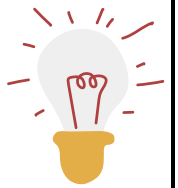
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