

***A Dangerous Departure***  
Life Group Questions for April 12, 2026  
*Count the Stars* Sermon Series

**Welcome & Check-In**

- Icebreaker question: Share a time when you “counted the stars”—when you had an experience with God in nature.
- Where have you seen God at work in your life since we last met?

**FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection**

- Read Genesis 11:27-12:9 out loud. What words or phrases stand out to you? What questions do you have?
- Abram obeyed without knowing the destination (Hebrews 11:8). What does this teach us about the difference between *clarity* and *trust* in our walk with Jesus?

**IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support**

- Abram had to leave what was familiar—even things that felt safe but may not have been life-giving. What “familiar patterns” (control, anxiety, busyness, etc.) might God be inviting you to release today?
- Worship is described as “the fuel for faith.” What does your current rhythm of worship look like—especially when you *don’t* feel like it—and how might God be inviting you to “build an altar” in this season?

**ON MISSION: Next Steps**

- God’s blessing to Abram was meant to flow *through* him, not just to him. In what ways might your life be becoming more of a “reservoir” than a “river”? What would it look like to intentionally bless others this week?
- The image of the trapeze—letting go and trusting the catcher—captures the heart of faith. What is one concrete step of “letting go” God may be asking of you right now, even without full clarity on what comes next?
- What is God saying to you, and who will you share this with?
- Revisit and add to your prayer list, then pray for one another.

**Prayer:** Pray the following prayer together as a community of Jesus followers:

*Father, We come before You as people who often want clarity, control, and certainty—but You invite us into something deeper... into faith.*

*Like Abram, You call us out of what is familiar and into what is unknown. And if we’re honest, that can feel unsettling. We like plans. We like*

*timelines. We like guarantees. But today, we hear Your voice again: "Go... and I will show you."*

*So, Lord, we confess—we often trust in our own strength, our own understanding, our own plans. We cling to what feels safe, even when it isn't life-giving. We measure Your faithfulness by what we can see right now.*

*Would You forgive us? And would You teach us to count the stars? Lift our eyes beyond what feels barren or impossible. Expand our vision to see what You can do, not just what we can do. Anchor our hearts in Your promises, not our circumstances.*

*God, for those among us who feel like hope has run out—in relationships, in calling, in their inner life—would You speak again: "Now the Lord says..." Bring life where things feel as good as dead.*

*Give us the courage to let go—to release control, fear, and the need to have it all figured out. Help us to trust You enough to obey, even when we don't know where we're going.*

*Form in us a deeper kind of faith—the kind that waits, the kind that trusts Your timing, the kind that believes You are working even when we don't yet see it.*

*And make us a people who don't just receive Your blessing, but become a blessing. Let our lives be rivers of Your goodness, flowing out to our families, our friends, our neighbors, and even those who are hard to love.*

*Jesus, teach us to let go and trust You as our catcher. When we are tempted to strive or grasp, remind us that You are faithful to hold us.*

*So we choose today—together—to trust Your promise more than our plans, to follow Your voice into the unknown, and to worship You, even here.*

*We love You. We trust You. And we say "yes" again.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### **For Further Reflection this Week:**

Read through God's promises in Romans 8. Personalize each verse or passage by adding your name:

- Complete forgiveness where there is NO condemnation for sin. Rom. 8:1-2  
Example: **Romans 8:1-2:** *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for **(Your Name)** who is in Christ Jesus, **2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set **(Your Name)** free from the law of sin and death.*
- Leading and empowering through his Spirit that lives in you. (vs. 5-11)
- The eventual renewal and redemption of the world. (vs. 19-25)
- God to work all things together for good. (vs. 28)
- To form you more into the image of Jesus. (vs. 29)
- To be a conqueror. (vs. 31-37)