

Faith in the Gap

Life Group Questions for May 3, 2026

Count the Stars Sermon Series

Welcome & Check-In

- Icebreaker question: *Have you ever experienced a dream, vision, or word from another believer that God used to clarify his promises to you? If so, share how it impacted your life.*
- *Where have you seen God at work in your life since we last met?*

FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection

1. Read Genesis 15:1-21 out loud.
What words or phrases stand out to you?
What questions do you have?
2. In Genesis 15:1, God responds to Abram's fear by saying, "I am your shield... your very great reward."
What do these two images (shield and reward) reveal about who God is and how He relates to Abram in this moment?
Why do you think God answers Abram's fear by pointing to Himself, rather than changing Abram's circumstances?
3. *Which characteristics of God give you the most comfort when fears rise?*
4. In Genesis 15:9–21, Abram falls asleep while God alone passes between the covenant pieces.
What is the significance of God walking the covenant alone?
What does this teach us about the nature of God's covenant, and how is it different from a typical agreement between two parties?

IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support

5. *Where are you experiencing "the gap" right now? (Between promise and fulfillment, prayer and answer, what you feel and what you believe.)*
What makes that gap feel especially difficult right now?
6. Ryan emphasized, "When doubt whispers, recall what God has promised."
What are some promises from Scripture that you can anchor yourself to in your current season?
7. Abram "believed the Lord, and it was counted to him as righteousness."
As a group, define the words "believed," "counted," and "righteous."

ON MISSION: Next Steps

8. *What does it look like for you to "rest in God's grace" while waiting for God to work?*

*Is there a specific situation where you need to stop striving and start trusting?
Practically, how can you respond with simple trust this week?*

9. Revisit and add to your prayer list, then pray for one another.

Prayer: The following is a prayer commonly prayed by Martin Luther. Consider praying this prayer together as a group:

"Lord Jesus, You are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you what was mine; yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not." Amen

For Further Reflection this Week:

God gives us *"I am"* statements throughout Scripture. Today, we discussed Genesis 15:1, where he says, *"I am your shield, your very great reward."*

- *How has God been your shield? How has he been your reward?*

The following are seven more *"I am"* statements. Meditate on one each day, asking God to show you how he has been with you in the gaps.

Sunday: Exodus 3:14

"God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you."

Monday: Isaiah 48:17

"This is what the LORD says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.'"

Tuesday: John 6:48

"I am the bread of life."

Wednesday: John 9:5

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Thursday: John 14:6

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Friday: John 15:1

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener."

Saturday: Revelation 1:8

*"I am the **Alpha and the Omega**," says the Lord God, "who is, **and** who was, **and** who is to come, the Almighty."*