



In the later part of Hebrews 6, we read about Jesus being greater than Abraham. The author reminds us about the patience Abraham exhibited while waiting for God to fulfill His promise of making him into a great nation. It didn't happen overnight. The author used the example of Abraham because some of the early church believers were considering abandoning their faith. They needed to learn to wait patiently on the Lord as they went through the spiritual maturation process. Like the early church, we sometimes abandon things too quickly and miss out on the work God wants to do in our lives. Study and discuss these questions about making Jesus the anchor of your soul.

1. Neal shared a story about trick-or-treating as a teenager and how his friend lacked patience. His friend's inability to wait put him in an awkward situation. Share a time that your inability to wait put you in an awkward situation.
2. **Read Hebrews 6:13-15.** God made a promise to Abraham about building him into a great nation. Abraham having patiently endured clearly refers to the Isaac trial as a result of which he obtained the promise. Where are you learning patience today?
3. **Read Genesis 12:1-3.** God made it clear that He would bless Abraham by giving him many descendants who would be a blessing to everyone. How can you be a blessing to others this week?
4. You were given homework to find the promises of God in Scripture. If you found some promises, share those with your group. If you haven't had time to do that yet, take time as a group to look for God's promises in Scripture.
5. **Read Hebrews 6:16-18.** The author subtly pulls in the Old Testament aspect of the cities of refuge. **See Deuteronomy 19:1-14.** What are similarities between the cities of refuge and finding refuge in Jesus?
6. **Read Hebrews 6:19-20.** For centuries Christians have put their hope in Jesus as the anchor of their lives. How do you keep your hope anchored in Jesus in difficult times? Are you currently feeling hopeless? **Read Colossians 1:5 & 1 Timothy 1:1.**
7. Hebrews 6 ends with an image of Jesus as the forerunner of our hope. A forerunner is a person who has gone before another. **Read John 14:1-6, Ephesians 1:20, Colossians 1:16-20, and 1 Thessalonians 4:16** and discuss the truth and impact of Jesus being our forerunner in heaven.
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for the opportunity to invite a friend to meet Jesus.