

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGE - Acts 7:8-16

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision. And so Abraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day, and Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs.

9 “And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him 10 and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household. 11 Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food. 12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers on their first visit. 13 And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. 14 And Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five persons in all. 15 And Jacob went down into Egypt, and he died, he and our fathers, 16 and they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

**Other Passages:** Romans 4; Hebrews 11 & 12, 1 Peter 3:13-17

### **Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

### **Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

### **Challenge:**

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

- 1) Am I trusting in God's promised savior alone, or am I sentimentally disposed to thinking that my traditions, denominational affiliation, or a particular form of worship are what saves me?
- 2) Name some of the religious things we have a tendency to put ahead of our relationship?
- 3) How do we prevent ourselves from defending the traditions and missing out on the Savior of which we speak?
- 4) There must be true faith and true repentance if we are going to find ourselves with Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and Stephen in the future. What is keeping you from the true faith, and are there any things you need to repent of in order to get back into the right relationship with Jesus?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**