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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: By Faith: Sarah
Key Scripture: Hebrews 11:11
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Starter: What, if any, concerns do you have about a 90-year-old being pregnant and going through labour and delivery?

Discussion:

1. Read Hebrews 11:11. According to this verse, what was the key reason Sarah was able to receive God's promise? What does it mean to "consider Him faithful"?

2. Pastor Mark described Sarah's faith as a partnering faith. How does faith grow when we walk alongside other believers, and what are some practical ways we can "lock shields" with one another? (See note)

3. Sarah had a practicing faith, not just a theoretical faith. What are some everyday situations where it's easy to talk about faith but difficult to actually live it out?

4. Sarah's journey included moments of doubt, impatience, and mistakes before she became known for her faith. Why do you think Hebrews 11 remembers Sarah for her faith rather than focusing on her failures?

5. Pastor Mark emphasized that Sarah's faith was both personal and pointed—it trusted God even when her circumstances seemed impossible. What "impossible" situations can tempt people to doubt God's promises today?

6. Sarah experienced God's power because she trusted God's faithfulness over what she could see. Can you share a time when God proved Himself faithful in your life, or when you witnessed His faithfulness in someone else's life?

7. Read Ephesians 6:16. Why do you think Paul describes faith as a shield? How can faith protect us during seasons of waiting, discouragement, or uncertainty?

8. Read Romans 4:17. Abraham and Sarah believed in the God "who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not." How does this description of God help explain why they could trust Him for the seemingly impossible promise of a son? What are some biblical promises you can declare over your own life this week?

Note for question 2: A shield wall is a military formation where soldiers stand shoulder to shoulder, overlapping their shields to create a solid barrier that protects both themselves and their neighbors. This tactic was used by ancient and medieval armies, including the Greeks, Romans, and Anglo-Saxons, to maintain a strong defensive line during battle.