

Hook

- What is something you hoped for as a kid? How did getting it or not affect you?

Book

- Read Genesis 15:1-6
- In verse 1 God refers to himself as Abraham's "great reward". Does his response in verse 2-3 make you think he believes that? Why?
- Do you think Abraham's view of God is more tied up in God's character or in God promised to bless him? Why?
- What is the significance of Abraham choosing to believe God *before* what God promised to him came to pass?

Look

- Is it a place in your life where you are experiencing the pain and tension of unmet hope and expectation?
- What has been unhelpful in those times? What has been helpful?
- Can you think of a time when you've met God in the midst of unmet expectations?

Took

- What is the difference between having faith that God will be with us and faith that circumstances will resolve the way we hope it will?
- How can we be good friends to one another in the middle of the waiting?

Prayer

- Pray that your Small Group would experience the presence of God in the waiting!