



## Discussion Guide for “We Can Be Held Responsible”

### *The Way, Way Back Week 3*

We like to think we're not responsible for anyone but ourselves. But God has called us to be priests - we represent God to the world. That has real stakes when we do it badly, as Abraham found out when he lied to Abimelech about the identity of his wife, Sarah. How do we find grace when we've failed to represent God to the world well?

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

[Genesis 20:9-21:2](#)

[Genesis 1:26-27](#)

[Matthew 18:1-10](#)

[Romans 14:14-23](#)

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Matthew 18:1-10](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Can you think of a time you've been responsible for someone else's sinful choices?
2. Review Abraham's actions in Genesis 20:9-21:2. Why did Abraham lie? What would you have done in his situation?
3. Abraham said he didn't think anyone in Abimelech's land feared God. Their reaction indicates otherwise. What does this tell you about how we engage people outside the Church?
4. Where do you see God's grace at work in the story?
5. Imagine the confrontation between Abraham and Abimelech. How would you feel if you were Abraham? Talk about how you would feel especially during the sacrifices.
6. What does it look like for you to be a faithful witness of God this week? What does it look like for you to receive God's grace where you've failed?