

# Create



## ✓ Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Provide pens/pencils and paper for the writing option or keep an ongoing journal for participants to return to or take home each week.
- Provide and keep a collection of art supplies for each week including but not limited to: crayons, color pencils, markers, glue, tissue paper, colored construction paper, paint brushes, watercolors, finger paints, scissors, and a variety of scrap-booking background paper.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

## ✓ Breath of God

Ask someone to read Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67. Then, show the *Bible Background Video*.

Say: Abraham trusted that God would provide for his family; more specifically, the ideal wife for Isaac who was mourning the loss of his mother, Sarah. Abraham's servant was successful in finding a young woman named Rebekah to fill this role. Without hesitation, Rebekah agreed to leave her family and marry Isaac. These characters trusted that God was a part of their lives, co-laboring with them along the journey. They did not wait on God to act; instead, they took initiative and acted in a way that responded to what they discerned was God's leading in their lives. God is not the puppet master; instead, God calls us to faithfully participate, question, doubt, and discern along our journey with God. Where have you co-labored with God along your journey? Do you rely on God or self too heavily to chart the path ahead of you?

Distribute copies of this page. Invite each participant to choose either the Writing, Visual, or Outside the Box approach and spend the next 20-25 minutes with that experience.

## ✓ Create — Writing

Write at least one of these options:

- Write a journal entry about what it means to co-labor or co-create with God along your life's journey. Include events in your life when you have or have not experienced God's presence. How did those experiences make you feel about God?
- Write an extensive, detailed list about what you desire in and from a mate. Reference that list from

time to time, pray for your mate or future mate, update it, strike things off, and hopefully, experience growth in yourself as you co-labor with God.

## ✓ Create — Visual

Using the art supplies provided, create one of these visual items:

- Create a comic strip or graphic novel of a modern-day version of this story. Make yourself a main character and insert your own twist on this ancient scripture.
- Create a visual image of the path along which God is leading you. Make sure to include in that path any stops, turns, twists, road blocks, detours, rest stops along the way.

## ✓ Create — Outside the Box

Using the art supplies provided, create outside the box.

- Create an album cover for a CD that describes your life's journey with God so far and your expectations for the future. Make sure to include your list of songs, album name, and booklet containing any lyrics, artist info, or thanks.

## ✓ Share

Call the group together. Ask participants to share their creations and explain their meaning, or tell the stories behind them.

## ✓ Close

Offer a prayer asking God to journey with us each step of the way.

*(After the session, consider finding a way to share the creations of the group- post pictures on Facebook, on a church website, or in a portfolio/frames kept either in a public place in the church or in your group's special gathering place).*

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