

## Christ Church sermon questions 24 February 2019

### **Faith that doesn't limit God - Genesis 17:15-27**

Read Genesis 17:15-27.

1. Icebreaker: What makes you laugh?
2. Verse 15. What's in a name? What does yours mean? Do you like it? What does it say about you?
3. Verse 16. What promises have you seen God fulfil in your life? How has what has happened in the past affected you in the present?
4. What promises are you still waiting for God to fulfil? How long have you been waiting? How do you handle the waiting period? What is it that makes it so difficult to trust sometimes?
5. Verse 17. Have there been occasions when you have come to worship and laughed inwardly, saying to yourself, "Oh that these things were true..."? What do you do in those situations? How do you break out of the cycle of disbelief?
6. Verse 18. "Faith is the evidence of things we cannot see" (Hebrews 11:2)  
  
Abraham believed that God would bless Ishmael - he was flesh and blood. What do you believe in that you can't see? What makes you believe in those things? What difference does that belief make in your life?
7. Verse 19. This is the third time God has promised Abraham a son (12:1-3, 15:4) and he confirms it a fourth time through two visitors (18:10). In what ways has God confirmed his plans for you over the years?
8. What can we say to those of us who don't see God's promises fulfilled in our own lifetime? (Hebrews 11:13, 16, 39-40)

Do pray for each other about what you have shared.