

Aug 6/23 – Small Group Questions - “El Shaddai”

Read Genesis 17:1-8

1. The name El Shaddai corresponds to God's power to direct and guide His creation to its intended purpose. How did God show His power to direct and guide Abraham in this story from Genesis 17?
2. El Shaddai does not mean that God troubleshoots the world with His power. Rather, He guides His people as a parent does to their child. In what ways do parents and caregivers direct and guide their children to growth and maturity?

Read Matthew 16:13-20

1. Jesus renames Simon to Peter. What is the meaning of Jesus' promise to Peter and what does this act of renaming Peter signify?
2. As God did with Abraham and Jesus with Peter, we continue to experience God's directing and guiding power. How do you experience God's direction and guidance today?