

Building Faith | Genesis 22:1-19 2022 Summer #4- June 19th, 2022

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) Summer is the time for movies. What is your favorite movie and why? Have you ever been in a movie set?
- 2) Summer is time for camp. Did you ever go to summer camp? What is your memory? [Study Questions](#)

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss. **Read Genesis 22:1-19,***

- 1) After years of maturing, Abraham's test reveals a climax of faith. What words and actions show a willing, submissive heart?
- 2) How can you follow this example in a recent command from God?
- 3) What did Abraham believe about God in verse 8 that enabled him to sacrifice what was most precious to him?
- 4) Read James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7 What tests have shown a progression of faith in my life?
- 5) God's plan for His own Son was foreshadowed. How is verse 8 prophetic about what God will provide? What other clues in this story point you toward the greater sacrifice?
- 6) How does this story help you understand the cost it was for God to sacrifice Jesus? 7) Is there any indication that Isaac resisted? See John 10:17-18. How was Isaac like Jesus? 8) How can I cooperate with God as he forms this depth of faith in me?

Read Romans 4:19-25

- 9) Abraham is the father of faith. We are his children if we also have faith. What substitute did God provide after Abraham's faith was proved?
- 10) What substitute has God provided for all those who display faith? (1 John 4:9-10)
- 11) What is the object of true faith according to Romans? Am I part of the family of faith? What can give me assurance?"
- 12) What more do you learn about what Abraham believed from Hebrews 11:17-19
- 13) How did his faith bring joy even in the midst of sacrifice and how was he further rewarded? From Hebrews 12:1-3 How did Christ experience similar joy?
- 14) How have you experienced joy even when obeying meant sacrificing something precious?
- 15) The word worship is used by Abraham to describe his attitude in offering Isaac. How are worship and obedience connected? How would you connect Romans 12:1-2 with Genesis 22?
- 16) Give some specific examples of a Christians "living sacrifice."

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) Lord, "What do I need to release to you so I can experience true joy?"
- 2) Lord, "In what way can I offer myself as a living sacrifice to you today?"