

Growth Group Curriculum

SPRING SEMESTER 2023

The Gospel According to Abraham - Genesis 18:6-15; 21:1-7

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REVIEW

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

MY STORY

1. What is the hardest physical challenge you have ever undertaken?
2. Can you think of a time in your life where you faced seemingly impossible circumstances?
 - a. In hindsight, are you able to see the hand of God in that moment?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Genesis 18:1-8. Do you notice any differences in the communication from God as compared to previous encounters in Abraham's life?
 - a. Why do you think there is a difference?
 - b. How does this story of God's meal with Abraham relate to the promises God has made to Abraham?
2. If Genesis 18:1-33 is meant to be a picture of fellowship with God, what can we learn practically from it?
 - a. Read the following passages and see if you can flesh out what "fellowship with God" means practically: James 2:23; Rev. 3:20; Heb. 13:1-2; Matt. 25:35; John 15:13-15
3. Read Genesis 18:9-15. Who has the main dialogue with God at Abraham's tent?

- a. Why does God have this conversation—what is his purpose?
 - b. How does God help Sarah’s progress in faith?
4. Read 21:1-7. Isaac means “laughter.” How is Sarah’s laughter here different from her laughter in 18:12?
- a. How did the change in laughter come about?
 - b. What two truths does the name Isaac point to?
 - c. How does Jesus bear witness even further? (See Luke 1:37.)

TAKING IT HOME -

Consider: Psalm 147:1-6

Pray: “Lord, nothing is impossible for you. You sift the stars like grains of sand yet you know my deepest secrets and love me still. Help me to trust you more. Give me the confidence to call on you in difficult times, where the way seems impossible. Father; help me to love and trust you more and more as I submit to your will. - Amen”

Prayer Requests:

Important dates:

- May 19 - Ladies Bunko Night 6pm (A6)
- June 11 - “Meeting Jesus” New Series Kickoff & New to Crossroads Lunch
- June 18 - Special Fathers Day Service
- June 27 - CORE Night 6:30
- Jun 29 - July 1 - Young Adult Rafting Trip
- September 17- Verbo/Outreach Sunday