

HIDDEN THREAD | WEEK 2

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Verses: Genesis 22



SERIES INSIGHT

When we want to find Jesus and know more about him, we often go to the New Testament as our source. Though a good option, this isn't the *only* place where Jesus can be found! He was there in the beginning and throughout the old covenant. **Hidden Thread** will uncover the "hidden" thread you maybe didn't see before of Jesus throughout the Old Testament.

ICEBREAKER

- Share a favorite or inspiring song. What makes it meaningful to you?
- If you had a time machine, would you go back in time or into the future?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend's message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. "We need interaction more than transaction, and connection more than convenience." Share about a time when this was true for you. What did it mean to you to desire interaction over transaction, or connection over convenience?
3. How comfortable are you in trusting God to provide and care for you? Do you have a time when God showed up that truly blessed you? How did you feel in the process?
4. Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and Hebrews 11:17-19. Every other faith system focuses on what we need to do "to be close to God". The message of the Gospel focuses on what God does to be close to us. What does it mean to you that we are saved by grace through faith? How has this impacted your life?
5. Des leans in to whether we "know" our identity and the power of the heart of John 3:16. Take a moment to read and ponder this verse. Consider if you really *know* what it means - if you resonate with what it says about what it means for us. Share it with the group.
6. Read Acts 3:18-20. Scripture shares that times of refreshing are promised and provided from the Lord, but it requires sacrifice and repentance. Is there anything in your life right now that is weighing you down, holding you back, or hindering you from experiencing the "times of refreshing"? Share with the group and take time to pray for one another.

PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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