

# JESUS IN GENESIS SEASON 2

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COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE - WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

This week we studied [Genesis 16](#), where Abraham takes the advice of his wife. Unfortunately, both he and Sarah are at a point in their lives, where they are both walking in the flesh, instead of walking according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They walk by sight, not by faith. It's been over a decade since God initially promised to give Abraham a son. Abraham has wrestled with doubt. He's lost that match. He's also won. Again, doubt seems to have overpowered Abraham. He's grown discouraged. He's grown passive in leading himself to believe. He's grown passive in leading his wife.

God promised Abraham a son. God designed marriage to be the uniting of two people into one. So to make a promise of a son to Abraham, it's assumed the son would come from Abraham and Sarah. Unfortunately, Abraham and Sarah begin to listen to sinful culture instead of God. They look around, and see pagans with multiple sexual partners, men with multiple wives and concubines. Sarah looks to Abraham, and recommends he get a girlfriend. Perhaps the promised son will come from Hagar. Abraham listens to his wife. Abraham doesn't seek counsel from God. As always, in its wake, sin brings heartbreak, shame, guilt, and chaos.

Thanks be to God, Jesus enters the mess and offers redemption (v7).

Sermon Sections:

1. Myopic Vision leads to Mess
2. Vision of God entering Mess
3. Redeemed Mess & Vision

### DISCUSSION GOALS

#### Head

To understand that sin can have major consequences.

#### Heart

To trust that God will fulfill His promises to us (and, therefore, to not take matters into our own hands when we are growing impatient with God).

#### Hands

To do God's work God's way (and trust in His ability to bring redemption when we miss the mark).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will hold **9:30AM** and **11:30AM services** this coming Sunday, May 9.

There is a **Baptism Seminar** on **May 16 after 2nd service (1PM)** in the basement of the Temple.

The next **Membership 101 Class** will be on **May 30 at 1PM**. RSVP to [admin@mosaicboston.com](mailto:admin@mosaicboston.com) if you plan to attend.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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### **Read Genesis 16:1-16**

1. Can someone take a moment to summarize the events that happened in this chapter?
2. How does Abraham show passivity in this passage? What are the consequences of these moments?
3. The arrangement constructed by Sarai with Abram and Hagar was culturally acceptable in their day. What are some areas where you feel tempted to follow cultural norms instead of following God?
4. Abram and Sarai made this arrangement with Hagar over 10 years after God gave Abram and, thus, Sarai the promise. Are there any things that you have been waiting for God to address for a long time?
5. What does this passage teach us about trying to take matters into our own hands instead of trusting God, His timing and His ways?
6. What does this passage teach us about sin, in general?
7. Can you identify ways that members of this group can help you to avoid being myopic (nearsighted) in your faith like Abram and Sarai?
8. What do we learn about Christ based on his interaction (as the angel of the Lord) with Hagar and Hagar's words to Him?
9. **Read verse 12.** What parts about the description of Hagar's son, Ishmael, can also be applied to Jesus Christ?