

## Small Group Discussion Questions

3-24-18

By Faith Part 4— Abraham, Ishmael, and Isaac



**Main Scripture References: Hebrews 11:17-19, Genesis 21:9-22:14**

### 1. Introduction/Opening Questions:

- A. What is your favorite season and why?
- B. What “season” of life have you enjoyed the most?
- C. What kind of “season” are you in now?

### 2. Observation:

- A. Read Hebrews 11:17-19, Genesis 22:1  
What things caused Abraham to come to the conclusion that Isaac would be ok?
- B. What are the parallels in Genesis 22 to the new testament story of Jesus and His sacrifice?
- C. How does disobedience show a lack of faith?

### 3. Understanding:

- A. Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? What was the test?
- B. What good came out of the difficult tests and experiences Abraham had?
- C. How do you think Isaac felt throughout this experience? Was Isaac an obedient child? Why or why not?

### 4. Application:

- A. Think of a time when God brought a “test” into your life. What was that test? How did you respond to it? Did you see any positive benefits come as a result of the test?
- B. What are you going to do this week to be obedient to God and demonstrate your faith?
- C. What significance does the Lord’s supper hold for you? How important is it to do?

**Pray that God will strengthen your faith. Pray that you will trust God in the season you are in and in the things He wants you to do.**