

## Think Ahead

### Tell Me What to Do, God

# TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures

*Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.*  
Genesis 22:1 NIV

*Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.*  
Genesis 22:3 NIV

*Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.* Genesis 22:7-8 NIV

*But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."*  
Genesis 22:11-14 NIV

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*  
2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

*"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"* Luke 6:46 NIV

*For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.* Romans 8:14 NIV

*"Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. ..."*  
Isaiah 58:9 NIV

**Start talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is one thing in your life you wish someone would decide for you?

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Genesis 22:1-3**. What stands out to you about Abraham's availability and faith? How can we cultivate a similar "Here I am" attitude?
- God can communicate with us in a variety of ways. He can direct us clearly, guide us quietly, or grow us silently. Which of these have been most impactful in your life?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when your obedience to God brought you closer to Him. What did you learn from that experience?
- Is there an area in your life where you have become unavailable to God? What steps can you take to become more available to Him?

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

*Lord, thank You for Your presence in our lives. Thank You for providing us with wisdom and guidance in so many different ways, no matter what we're going through. Would You help us to pursue obedience this week, so we can grow even closer to You? In Jesus' name, amen.*

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- [Set aside some time this week to be available to God. Talk about your experience with your LifeGroup.](#)
- Start the *Think Ahead* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: [www.go2.lc/thinkaheadplan](http://www.go2.lc/thinkaheadplan)
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.