

Abraham & Sarah (week 8: Where is the Lamb?)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 21:1-5, 22:1-18

Discussion Questions

1. This is the eighth week of our teaching series focused on Abraham and Sarah. Today's reading is Genesis 21:1-5 & 22:1-18. Take time to read it for yourself. What stands out to you as you read? What questions do you have?
2. After the birth of Isaac, Sarah becomes angry toward Ishmael and in an attempt to secure God's blessing for Isaac has Hagar and Ishmael sent away. Hagar and the boy Ishmael wander in the desert until they become too weak to go on. Hagar, sure that Ishmael will die, places him under a bush and goes some distance away to cry out to God for help. God hears her cries and provides a well to give them water and save their lives. What similarities do you see between this text and what happens later with Isaac?
3. God now comes to Abraham and tells him that he must sacrifice Isaac. Abraham listens to God, but at the very last second God saves Isaac and provides a ram as a substitute. This is a really challenging Bible passage, but what do you know about Abraham and Sarah's attempts to get Isaac that helps make sense of what God is asking them to do?
4. "Where is the lamb?" This is the question Isaac asks his father Abraham. Where is the lamb? Where do you see Jesus in this passage? What do you think this text means for us as Christians?