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## **Community Group Questions:**

## **IceBreaker:**

Brian talked about superstition as something we do when we don't know what to do. We may think of superstition in superficial ways, like a particular hat or coat we wear so our team will win. Do you practice any of these kinds of superstitions? Share with the group.

- 1. Read Genesis 22:1-18 together. Perhaps this was a new passage for you, perhaps you've heard it hundreds of times. Share with the group any new insight you had about the passage after this weekend's sermon.
- 2. In Abraham's time, there were three main reasons humans had to appease the gods. Sometimes they did it with human sacrifice. They were:
  - 1. To gain provision
  - 2. To gain social standing
  - 3. To gain salvation

We still sometimes seek to meet these needs in ways that are self-defeating or self-destructive. Can you think of a way that you seek any of these in ways that are actually harmful to yourself?

- 4. Thankfully, our God reveals himself differently from other gods, and he provides the sacrifice. Is there an area of your life right now that you need God to provide the sacrifice? Share with the group.
- 5. Brian made the point that though Abraham's actions may look like radical obedience, it was also reasoned faith. He was taking action based on what and how he had experienced God's faithfulness in the past. What is something you've seen God do in the past that allows you to trust Him with your current and future concerns? Share with the group.