

This week, we discussed the Name Jehovah Jireh - God will provide. The Name comes from the story of Abraham being asked to sacrifice Isaac - his only son. This story is challenging for a host of reasons. But in the end, God is tipping His hat to the larger story of Jesus (His only son), and setting an example of extreme trust in the goodness of God. As Josh said in the video: *we don't often see in the moment what God will do in the end*. But we can trust that He will do something!

As you dive into the discussion this week, consider your life - In what areas has God asked you to trust that He *will* provide? How are you doing that? How is it a struggle? As we're discovering God's faithfulness and goodness, there are many times when we cannot see the way forward; even in those moments, faith trusts that God will move in the end!

Discussion Questions:

1. As you think about your faith journey, what is one time you remember not being able to see what God was up to in the moment, but can look back and see that He provided in the end?
2. Why do you think God is so interested in our willingness to trust Him in those moments?

Scripture Discussion:

1. Take a closer look at Gen 22:1-18. What are the pieces that jump out at you? Why?

How do you see, even in the story, both the confidence of Abraham in Jehovah Jireh, and the heart of God to reveal the bigger story?

2. In your own life, in the times when your faith feels "tested" - what do you tend to cling to or rely on that *isn't* God?
3. Read together what Jesus had to say in Matthew 6:25-34. What connections do you see between what Jesus is saying here, and the Name Jehovah Jireh?

Why do you think we struggle so much to live with this deep level of confidence that Jehovah Jireh will provide?

Further Study:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 1:20-22. What does this passage have to say about trusting in Jehovah Jireh? What is the difference between trusting that God will provide what He promises, vs trusting that God will provide in the way we want Him to? How can you be more intentional about discerning between the two?
2. Read Romans 8:28-32. What do you notice about the promises made here? What's God's main goal? How does Paul tie back into the bigger story of Jehovah Jireh?

Closing Prayer: Spend some time sharing and praying for one another -

- What are some areas where you're needing to trust that God will provide?
- Pray for Ukraine - especially the Christians there who desperately need to know Jehovah Jireh.
- Pray for our church - that we would be a people who trust that God will provide.