



Mums, God sees you– Genesis 16, Genesis 21:8-21

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For Mother's Day, Pete Greasley takes us to the story of Hagar and shows how God sees, hears and cares for mothers.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Consider Hagar's story ark. How does it illuminate your understanding of motherhood (if you're not a mother yourself)? How does it echo your own experiences (if you are)?
- What pressures are the mothers in your lives experiencing? Consider two things; i) what practical things can be done to bless them today? And (ii) what *gospel* encouragement might you be able to offer them?
- Mothers' Day is a complex experience for many. We may not have the most straightforward of relationships with our biological mothers, but if we are Christians, we have known spiritual mothers. Who are they? What were some of the significant things they taught you and how?
- The Lord Jesus "sees you, *hears* you, he *cares* for you". Why is this good news for you today?