

# Home Community Study & Discussion - September 29, 2013

## Questions About the Text Following Up on the Sermon

- How do you think this experience might have affected Isaac's faith in God? (also see Gen 25:21)
- The idea of a “test” in verse 1 is not like an exam that Abraham might have passed or failed, but more like a goldsmith melting gold to burn out the dross and increase its purity. Can you share some examples with each other of how God has “tested” your own faith in order to strengthen and purify your trust in Him?

## Questions From the Text Not Addressed by the Sermon

- Compare this passage about Abraham (Gen 20), and this one about his son, Isaac (Gen 26:6-11). In what ways here does Isaac seem to follow in his father's footsteps?
- Compare this passage about Abraham (Gen 22:16-18) and this one about Isaac (Gen 26:1-6). In what ways here does Isaac follow in his father's footsteps?
- Describe some of the ways the writer, Moses, shows God's faithfulness in the lives of Abraham and Isaac.
- How could you encourage someone struggling with doubt or temptation from the lives of Abraham and Isaac?

## In What Ways Does God Reveal Himself in this Passage? What Do We Learn About God Here?

- In Romans 4:3-5, Paul teaches that Abraham's obedience and works had nothing to do with God “counting him righteous” (Gen 15:6). By justifying Abraham on account of his faith, Genesis 15 reveals God's saving grace to ungodly sinners. What else does Abraham's test in Genesis 22 reveal about God's grace?

## What Ethical Questions Does this Passage Raise? Right vs. Wrong? Moral vs. Immoral?

## In What Ways Do You See the Gospel Foreshadowed in this Text? Does it teach us about God's Holiness? Does it teach us about sin? Does it teach us about repentance? Does it teach us about God's grace?

- List as many ways as you can think of that Genesis 22:1-19 prefigures the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

## Living as Christians now 20 centuries after Christ, how does the Gospel change how we might look at this passage?

- **KIDS' QUESTION:** Take turns trying to explain the Gospel (as if to an unbeliever) using Genesis 22. (*Grown-ups can help out!*)

*How does this passage help us grow in our love for and trust in Jesus?*