

God Will Provide

Sermon Based Life Group study for the week of January 7

Getting To Know Each Other

- As a teenager, where did you hang out to meet people of the opposite sex?
- If you were choosing a spouse for your child, what attributes would you look for?

Into the Bible

Read Genesis 22:1-19

- When God first called Abram, what did He promise him? See Genesis 15:5-6.
- In verse 2, how does God test Abraham?
- Is God cancelling his original promise to Abraham?
- Why would God do this? What does He want from Abraham?
- When Isaac asks where the lamb is, what does Abraham say? Verse 8
- Read Hebrews 11:17-19. What was Abraham thinking when he agreed to do this?
- How did God provide for Abraham?
- What might Isaac learn from this ordeal?
- What would Abraham learn from this?
- Application: Does this story bother you? Why or why not?
- Application: What is the most difficult thing God has asked you to do?
- Application: Did good come from that tough decision? Bad? Or is the jury still out?

Read Genesis 23:1-20

- Why would Abraham not want to bury Sarah back in her hometown in Mesopotamia?
- Why would Abraham not want to use the Hittite tombs?
- Read Genesis 17:8. Why might this property be a big part of God's promise to Abe?
- Application: How have you seen God work in tough situations in your life?
- Application: Why is "hindsight" so important to our faith?

Read Genesis 24:1-23

- Why would Abraham give his servant such detailed instructions about Isaac future wife?
- What problems would be created if Isaac married a Hittite woman?
- Why did Abraham insist that Isaac not go back to his former home?
- What quality was Abraham's servant looking for in this future spouse for Isaac?
- How is faith seen in the servant's plan and Rebekah's response?
- Application: Can we rely on Divine match making today?
- Application: Do you believe that your spouse is God's provision for you?
- Application: As a parent or grandparent, do you pray for God to provide the perfect spouse for them? Is that a legitimate prayer?
- Application: How have you seen God's hand in your relationships?
- Application: How have your friends or spouse led you closer to Jesus?