

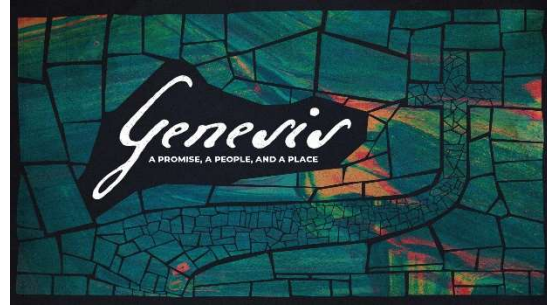
Sermon Discussion Guide

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Text: Genesis 22

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: The Lord Provides so His People Can Truly Live

In Genesis 21, the promised Son was miraculously born (provided). Turn the page to chapter 22, and the Lord tests Abraham by commanding him to offer up that same son as an offering - that beloved and only son. As the story unfolds we see Abraham responding to this command in faith; he doesn't hesitate or question, he trusts and obeys. While in Abraham, we see a remarkable picture of faith worthy of emulation, the primary focus and the hero of the story is the Lord. The Lord who provides the promised son, provides faith to Abraham, and at the right time, provides a substitute sacrifice, thus the concluding declaration, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." This promise finds its fulfillment in Jesus, the lamb of God who was delivered up to be crucified, as an atoning sacrifice for sin, on the same mount, Moriah.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opener

1. Complete the statement:
 - a. In order for my life to be meaningful and have purpose, I must have _____.
2. If you had that (what you answered in #1), what would you do, how would you respond, if God told you to give it up?

Read Genesis 22:1-24

3. How does the fact that we are told this is a test shape our understanding of this passage?
 - a. How has your faith been tested? Does testing faith always involve difficulty?
4. What stands out to you in Abraham's response to God's command?
 - a. How does verse 5 function as a key verse in this passage? (refer to Hebrews 11:17-19)
5. What is significant about Isaac's question in verse 7? How does this relate to the Old Testament as a whole? How does this relate to your life-story?
6. How is the Lord revealed to be the "one who provides" in this passage?
 - a. How does this shape and inform your faith in him today, this week?
7. How is God revealed to be the author and sustainer of faith? What significance does that have for you?
8. Broadly speaking, how do faith and obedience relate to one another? What does that look like in your life?
9. Where in the passage do we see that faith waits on God's provision? Does waiting mean doing nothing? How does waiting relate to personal sacrifice?