

Focus Verse

“Abraham answered, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.’ And the two of them went on together.” – Genesis 22:8

FIRST DAY: Read the notes and the references.

1. Use this space to record how you have seen God’s activity during the week. (How has He provided, answered, comforted, reconciled, guided, etc.?)

2. How has last week’s passage, lecture, notes or discussion helped you see God’s patience with you in a new way?

SECOND DAY: Read Genesis 22:1-10.

God tested Abraham’s faith.

3. What did Abraham know about God and Isaac when God gave His command in verse 2? (See Genesis 21:12 and Hebrews 11:17-19.)

4. What do you learn from this about the purpose and nature of God’s tests?

5. a. What evidence do you see of Abraham’s commitment to and belief in God?

b. What helps you or keeps you from believing and acting on the promises of God?

6. Isaac was not a child by this time, but a young man. How does Isaac illustrate Christ’s love, trust and obedience for His Father? (See John 10:17-18; Philippians 2:8.)

THIRD DAY: Read Genesis 22:11-14.

God commended Abraham’s faith and provided a substitutionary sacrifice for Isaac.

7. a. What did God want from Abraham?

b. Where do you sense God is testing you? How are you doing with the test? What are you learning from it?

8. What is a substitute?

9. Where has God demonstrated His willingness to do what He asked Abraham to do? (See 1 John 4:9-10.)
10. What is your response to God's provision of His Son to take away your sin? How does this give you the strength to say "yes" to God when everything inside of you says "no"?

FOURTH DAY: Read Genesis 22:15-24.

God affirmed His covenant with Abraham.

11. Why did God swear by Himself to bless Abraham?
12.
 - a. What two-part promise did God make to Abraham?
 - b. How was God's oath to Abraham fulfilled? (See Acts 3:24-26 and Galatians 3:16.)
13.
 - a. How does this passage change your thinking about the blessings and gifts God gives to you?
 - b. What promises of God are most helpful to you right now? (Share any such Scriptures with your group.)

FIFTH DAY: Read Genesis 23.

Abraham mourned Sarah's death and bought land for her burial.

14. Genesis 23:1-2 records Sarah's death. How does God's relationship with her and her legacy of faith impact you?
15. What do the words of Abraham's neighbors the Hittites tell you about his life of faith?
16. How did this purchase prove Abraham's faith in God's promises?
17. How do your actions prove to others around you that you trust in God's promises?

SIXTH DAY: Review Genesis 22-23.

18. How did this week's passages impact your understanding of the Bible as one story about God's Son, Jesus?
19. Homiletics for group and administrative leaders: Genesis 22-23

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