

Genesis 22 - Group Discussion Questions

The Gospel According to Isaac

Group Check-In Questions:

1. Who would share a highlight from a recent **Quiet Time**? We'd like to hear from at least 2 or 3 of you.
2. Are you participating in a **Bible Reading Plan** this year? If so, how is that going for you?
3. This is the fifth week of our series, "***The Gospel in the Old Testament.***" What have you learned in this series so far? What difference has it made in your spiritual walk?

Read Genesis 22:1-19

4. What are your initial impressions of this story? What stood out to you?

Discussion Questions:

5. Reflect back on what we've learned in previous weeks about God's calling of Abraham. What are the key promises God made to Abraham regarding his descendants? How does this context influence the command to sacrifice Isaac?
6. What is the significance of the location "Moriah" mentioned in this story?
7. Why do you think God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? What was He testing?
8. How does Abraham's response to God's command reveal his level of faith and obedience?
9. What might have been going through Abraham's mind as he prepared to sacrifice Isaac?
10. What details in the text show that Abraham was fully prepared to sacrifice Isaac?
11. What does the ram provided as a substitute sacrifice symbolize?
12. How does God's intervention at the last moment demonstrate His character and intentions?
13. How does this passage foreshadow the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ?

Life Application Questions:

14. How does this story challenge your understanding of obedience and faith?
15. What lessons can we learn from Abraham's example regarding the importance of prioritizing God's commands above all else?

16. How can we apply the concept of "being willing to give up everything" to our own lives and relationships with God?
17. What are some situations in your life where you might be called to demonstrate a similar level of trust in God, even when it is difficult?

Prayer:

18. As we close in prayer, let's pray that through God's Spirit, we would be empowered to trust Him wherever He leads us.
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**Genesis 15 – Group Discussion Questions
Gospel According to Abraham**

A Question for Accountability

Were you able to apply the word we read together last week to your life this week (hint: Genesis 12)? How?

- Celebrate obedience!
- Confess non-obedience as a sign of honesty in the group.

Read Genesis 15

- What are your initial observations from the text?

Discussion Questions

1. In Genesis 15:1, God reassures Abram with the promise, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield: your reward shall be great." What does this promise mean for Abram, and how does it apply to us today?
2. In verses 2-3, Abram expresses doubt about God's promise to give him descendants. Why do you think Abram is struggling with faith, and what can we learn from his vulnerability?
3. In Genesis 15:4-5, God reaffirms His promise to Abram. What do you think it means for Abram to "look up at the sky and count the stars"? How does this visual image help Abram's faith?

4. In Genesis 15:6, it says, “Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.” What does this verse teach us about the relationship between faith and righteousness?
5. God tells Abram to prepare a sacrificial ceremony. Why do you think God chose this method to establish the covenant with Abram? What significance might this ceremony have?
6. In Genesis 15:18-21, God promises Abram the land from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates. How does the promise of land play a central role in the Abrahamic Covenant, and why was it so important for Abram and his descendants?
7. In verse 13, God tells Abram that his descendants will be enslaved for 400 years before they inherit the promised land. How do we reconcile God's promises with His timing, especially when it's longer or more difficult than we expect?
8. God cuts a covenant with Abram and appears in the form of a smoking fire pot and a blazing torch (Genesis 15:17). What do you think the symbolism of these elements suggests about God's presence and commitment to His promises?
9. Abram had to trust in God's promises even when his circumstances seemed uncertain or impossible. How can we find hope and peace when we are faced with uncertain futures or challenges?
10. How do you see God's faithfulness to Abram in this chapter, and what are some personal experiences where you have seen God be faithful in your life?

Obedience

1. What stood out to you most from our discussion today?
 2. What's one thing you want to do/obey from this passage?
 3. How can we encourage you as a group to walk in obedience to what you've heard today?
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Genesis 12 - Group Discussion Questions Gospel According to Abraham

Opening Discussion

1. How is your walk right now with the Lord? How has the Lord worked in your life over the past week? What has the Lord taught you in this season of your life?
2. We have been in a new series on Sunday morning for the past few weeks. What have you learned so far? What are you looking forward to the most in the weeks ahead as we walk through the Gospel in the Old Testament?
3. How has your time with God in the Word been this week? Are you encouraged, discouraged, etc.?
4. How have you applied the Word in your own life this week?

Recap

From the beginning God designed us for himself. Mankind does not naturally form or evolve from a created species but is given life by the Creator of all things. The goal of God's creation of man is given in Gen. 1: 26-28. We are image bearers. God called Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply, so that they might rule over creation and reflect the glory of God. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, the pure and right relationship with God was severed. Sin entered into every part of the world, including the hearts of Adam and Eve, and their offspring.

Yet, God gave to Adam and Eve a promise- there would come from the lineage of Eve a son that would crush the head of the serpent, finally defeating sin and death. The question that courses through the rest of the Old Testament is- who will be this offspring who will do this? Who will be faithful where Adam was not?

With this in mind, we look at Genesis 12. The promise given in Gen. 3:15 begins to take shape through the life of Abraham. Let's read the text together.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some initial observations about Abram/Abraham that you can gather from our passage? Who is he? Where is he?
2. How is God beginning to fulfill the promise he made to Adam and Eve through Abraham?
3. Notice in v. 1 that God tells Abraham to go to the place where he will show him. In v. 1, where is the place that God tells him to go? How does this relate to your own walk with the Lord?
4. How does knowing that God has called you affect your pursuit of him and his purposes for your life?
5. In v. 2-3, what is the Lord's promise to Abraham? Who does God say will benefit from his work in Abraham's life?
6. In v. 2, God says he will bless Abraham "so that he will be a blessing". How do others benefit from our faith and walk with God?

7. Why does it matter that the nations are blessed through Abraham?
8. What is the role of faith in our relationship with God?
9. God's promise to Abraham ensures that despite the sins and rebellion of humanity since the garden, the promised seed of the woman would come to crush the head of the serpent and destroy sin and death. How does this assurance help you right now in your own struggles with sin?
10. Read v. 4. How does Abraham respond to God's promise to him?
11. In what ways is God calling you, right now, to trust him in the unknown?
12. In Gen. 12, the promised offspring of Eve becomes more clear- he would come from the lineage of Abraham and bless all nations. Matthew 1 tells us that Jesus is the One promised. How does Christ fulfill this promise made to Abraham?

Supporting Passages

1. Read Mt. 28:18-20. Do you notice any similarities between the two texts? How does God's promise to Abraham relate to Jesus' commissioning of his disciples?
2. Read Hebrews 11:8-12. How does this reflection on Abraham's calling encourage you this morning?
3. Read Rev. 7:9-12. The end goal of God's promise to Abraham is that God might be worshipped by a multitude of people from every nation.

Main Takeaway

The Great Commission is the re-affirming of the creation command given in Genesis 1:26-28 and the promise of Abraham in Gen 12:1-3. God spreads his kingdom through the church proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. God's promise to Abraham is fulfilled ultimately in the gathering of the people of God across history and throughout the world.

Obedience

1. What stood out to you most from our discussion today?
2. What's one thing you want to do/obey from this passage?
3. How can we encourage you as a group to walk in obedience to what you've heard today?

Genesis 3 - Group Discussion Questions

The Gospel Begins

1. What is Accountability, and Why Is It Important in Our Small Group?

Accountability is the practice of supporting and encouraging one another to live out the truths of God's Word in daily life. It involves being open and honest about our successes, struggles, and growth in applying what we've learned.

In our small group, accountability helps us stay focused on spiritual growth and encourages real-life transformation. For example, asking questions like, "Were you able to apply what we read last week to your life?" provides an opportunity to celebrate obedience, even partial obedience, as signs of growth. It also creates a safe space to share struggles honestly, which builds trust and unity.

Accountability keeps us grounded, reminds us that we are not alone in our journey, and encourages us to take real steps toward becoming more like Christ.

Everything we learned today, please try to share it with someone to be accountable and apply it in the coming week.

Key points about the forgetting curve:

Within 1 hour: 50% of information forgotten

Within 24 hours: 70% of information forgotten

Within a week: Up to 90% of information forgotten

Genesis 3

Read the passage twice (two different people, or have each person read a few verses), once for the head and once for the heart.

After reading the passage twice, close the Bible and have the group work together to retell the story or what the passage talked about.

Genesis 3 Discussion Questions:

- 1. What does Genesis 3:15 reveal about God's redemptive plan, and how is this plan fulfilled in the New Testament?**
 - Discuss how this verse introduces the idea of a Savior and God's intervention to overcome sin and evil.
- 2. How does the imagery of the "seed of the woman" crushing the serpent's head reflect Christ's ultimate victory over sin and Satan?**

- Reflect on how this prophecy points directly to Jesus' work on the cross and His resurrection.

3. In what ways does the New Testament continue the theme of enmity between the forces of good and evil, and how are believers called to participate in Christ's victory?

- Consider the role of spiritual warfare and the believer's position in Christ's triumph.

Supporting Passages from the New Testament:

1. Galatians 4:4-5

- "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."
- This verse connects to the "seed of the woman," showing Jesus as the one born to fulfill God's redemptive promise.

2. Romans 16:20

- "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."
- Paul echoes Genesis 3:15, reinforcing the promise of Satan's defeat through Christ.

3. Hebrews 2:14-15

- "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery."
- This passage shows how Jesus, through His death, defeated the devil and fulfilled the promise of victory over the serpent.

Obedience

Question: What's one thing you want to do/obey from this passage?

Remember...

Each response should begin with the words "I will..."

It is very important that the answers are specific and measurable.

The results will be far greater if action toward obedience happens in less than 48 hours.

Good "I will" statements:

I will not beat my husband this week.

I will read the bible for 15 minutes 3 times this week. I will not lie for the next 24 hours.

I will call my Dad and forgive him for hurting me.

Bad "I will" statements:

I will love the world.

I will forgive more.

I will tell people about Jesus. I will read my Bible more.

Luke 24 - Group Discussion Questions
Jesus in the Bible

1. A Question for Accountability

- a. Were you able to apply the word that we read together last week to your life this week (2 Timothy 2)? How?
- b. How is your daily Bible reading plan going?
- c. Celebrate obedience!
 - i. Celebrate partial obedience as a sign of real growth.
 - ii. Even celebrate non-obedience as a sign of honesty in the group.

2. Discussion Question

- a. Why was the Bible written?

Sometimes it's good to look at things simply from a childlike perspective like these words from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones. "Some people think the Bible is a book of rules, telling you what you should and shouldn't do. The Bible certainly does have some rules in it. They show you how life works best. But the Bible isn't mainly about you and what you should be doing. It's about God and what He has done. Other people think the Bible is a book of heroes, showing you people you should copy. The Bible does have some heroes in it, but most of the people in the Bible aren't heroes at all. They make some big mistakes (sometimes on purpose). They get afraid and run away... No, the Bible isn't a book of rules, or a book of heroes. The Bible is most of all a Story...the best thing about this Story is - it's true. There are lots of stories in the Bible, but all stories are telling one Big Story. The Story of how God loves His children and comes to rescue them. It takes the whole Bible to tell this Story. And at the center of the Story, there is a baby. Every Story in the Bible whispers His name. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle - the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together, and suddenly you can see a beautiful picture."

- b. Have you thought about the Bible in this way? This year we will work our way through the Old Testament and see how we see Jesus in all of the Bible.
- c. Do you find it easier or more challenging to see Jesus throughout the Old Testament? Discuss your answer.

3. Read Luke 24:13-35

Luke 24:13-35 Discussion Questions

- a. Look at vv. 1-12 for some context. What had just happened?
- b. Jesus appeared to two men on the road to Emmaus. Why would Jesus have the two men recount events He already knew about?
- c. What can we learn from Jesus' method of teaching the two disciples on the road to Emmaus?
- d. Who had the men hoped Jesus would be? What was causing their doubt? How did Jesus help them put the pieces together?
- e. Verse 32 says their hearts had burned within them while Jesus talked to them and while He opened the Scriptures up to them. That is what Bible study is, praying (talking with Jesus) and opening Scripture. What does this tell us about what happens when we open God's Word to read and study? Can you find other passages in Scripture that support this?

4. Read Luke 24:36-53

Luke 24:36-53 Discussion Questions

- a. How did Jesus handle the disciples' fear and doubt when they saw Him? In what ways does this offer comfort and reassurance to us today? Christ displayed patience with the disciples. In what areas has Christ displayed patience with you?
- b. Jesus opened up their minds to understand the Scriptures and then what did He instruct them to do? What does the Holy Spirit enable us to do?
- c. What did Jesus do for His disciples right before He ascended to Heaven and how did they respond? How does this challenge and/or encourage you? How can you incorporate the disciples' joy and anticipation into your daily life?
- d. How can we apply the lessons from the disciples' transformation in this chapter to our own spiritual growth?
- e. How does Christ's resurrection impact your daily walk with the Lord? How does it impact your interactions with the world?
- f. How does the Old Testament impact your testimony of the living Christ to others?

5. Obedience:

- a. What stood out to you most from our discussion today?

- b. What do you want to do about it?
 - c. What's one thing you want to do/obey from this passage?
 - i. Remember...each response should begin with the words "I will"
 - ii. It is very important that the answers are measurable, realistic and specific.
 - iii. The results will be far greater if action toward obedience happens in less than 48 hours.
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2 Timothy 2 - Group Discussion Questions

Accountability Question: What Bible Reading plan have you chosen for 2025? What are some ways we can hold each other accountable to stick with our chosen plan?

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13

V.1 - 3 What are the commands to follow in these verses?

- Be strengthened by the grace that is in Jesus Christ
- What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

How do these verses build on the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:19-20?

Practically speaking, what should this look like in the life of a Christ Follower?

Have you ever considered discipling another person? What are your hesitations?

V. 4-7 Paul challenges Timothy to think about three examples, a good soldier, an athlete and a good farmer.

The Good Soldier - Read 1 Timothy 1:18-19 & 2 Timothy 4: 7-8 An Athlete - Read 1 Timothy 4:7-8

The Hard Working Farmer - Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2

What makes these analogies useful to young Timothy? How can we apply these principles to our lives?

V. 8-13 What is Paul trying to remind Timothy of in these passages? What encouragement can we draw from these "trustworthy sayings"?

Read 2 Timothy 2: 14-26

V. 14 tells us that Timothy is to now remind the people and also warn the people not to quarrel over words. Why does he say that? What does it mean to "ruin the hearers"?

V. 15 is probably familiar to most of us. Have someone read it aloud again.
A worker is “one who does something, a laborer”. To be approved is to be “proved or tried, approved by testing after examination or trial”.
Read Philippians 1:19-21 for further insight into what Paul is saying.

How do trials and testing provide opportunities for correctly handling the word of truth?

What is your typical response to trials or testing?

V. 16-21 are more exhortations regarding acceptable conduct and the effects of godless chatter. He calls out two people, Hymenaeus and Philetus. Read 1 Timothy 18 - 20 to discover what Hymenaeus was guilty of and what Paul’s actions were. Read 2 Timothy 4:14 to learn more about Alexander.

How are Christians to handle these kinds of people?

V. 22 - 26 - What are the commands to follow in these verses?

- Flee the evil desires of youth.
- Pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with others who call on the Lord with a pure heart.
- Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments.
- Do not quarrel.
- Be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.
- Gently instruct those who oppose you, in hopes of repentance and escape the trap of the devil.

What effect will following these commands enable us to fulfill the commands of the Great Commission?

What are your takeaways from 2 Timothy 2?