

Gospel According to Genesis

Week 5

Community Group Guide

Prayer: (1-2 mins)

Lord, please open our eyes to the truth of your word. We pray for wisdom as we prepare to read your word, clarity for while we read, and discernment as we apply your word to our hearts. Let your word change our actions. We pray the truth we find here will transform our heart and mind to follow more after you. Amen.

Introduction: (2 mins)

Week 5 in the series The Gospel According to Genesis

Justin said:

Genesis points to God's redemption plan. God's plan to save the world through Jesus was His plan from the beginning. The Old Testament is full of foreshadowings and parallels that are more than coincidences. They are God's intentional work in setting the table for what was to come in Christ.

In Genesis 17-18, God confirms his covenant through the birth of Isaac. In Genesis 22 God puts Abraham's faith to the ultimate test. Abraham & Isaac's relationship borders on perilous and idolatrous. God commands Abraham to do the unthinkable and sacrifice Isaac.

Read: (2 mins) Main Passage

Genesis 22:1-18

Watch: (4 mins) / have someone write down the scriptures referenced in the video

The Spoken Gospel on Youtube

<https://youtu.be/gWxxQzrgWG0>

or go to

<https://www.spokengospel.com/books/devotionals/genesis-22-23>

Search: (2 mins)

Have group members look up the scriptures referenced in the video to read them as they are discussed.

Discuss: (10-15 mins)

Discuss Genesis 22:1-18 and the video.

- During the discussion be ready to read the scriptures referenced in the video.

- What was said in the video you may not have known or considered before?

Message Recap: (10-15 mins) / this section will contain main points or additional scriptures to read, discuss, ask questions.

I. In Genesis 22 God puts Abraham's faith to the ultimate test.

Abraham & Isaac's relationship borders on perilous and idolatrous. Abraham loved God, but his total focus was Isaac. God commands Abraham to do the unthinkable and sacrifice Isaac.

II. Abraham surely wrestled with this command by God.

His decision to follow through with the sacrifice was agonizing.

III. God provided a substitute for the sacrifice.

God spared Isaac and also saved Abraham in the process. The direct connection to Jesus going to the cross as a "substitute" for us is incredible and moving.

IV. God is calling us to lay everything down as a response to His covenant promise to us!

Discuss & Application: (10-15 mins)

Discuss and think about how to apply these scriptures.

Read: Hebrews 11:17-19

How does this passage shed light on Abraham's faith in God?

Read: Matthew 16:25-26

Discuss how this statement from Jesus relates to the Abraham / Isaac story.

- 1. What or who do you trust in more than God right now?**
- 2. What things / idols in your life need to be laid down today?**

Close in Prayer

I pray that the Holy Spirit will show you a God, grieved by sin, who goes to great lengths to save those who hate him. And that you would be given eyes to see Jesus as the one who falls under the flood of God's judgement for us so that we can be saved. Amen.