

GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS

A Year Through the Storyline of Scripture

SESSION 4: GOD TESTS ABRAHAM

How should remembering God's plan to bless the whole world through Abraham's descendants frame the way we live each day?

Why do you think God tested Abraham's faith even though he had already shown he believed in God?

How has the Lord provided for you?

How has the Lord tested you?

How do tests reveal the nature and substance of our faith?

How is the gospel foreshadowed in this story?

God calls for a special sacrifice. (Genesis 22:1-6)

As a group, read Genesis 22:1-6. How do you think you would have responded to this call from God if you were Abraham?

How would you define faith based on this test from the Lord?

Where do you see Abraham demonstrating faith in God in these verses?

Like Abraham, we may not know when we are being tested. In what ways does Abraham's story impact our obedience?
When was the last time God tested you?

God provides a substitute sacrifice. (Genesis 22:7-14)

As a group, read Genesis 22:7-14. What stands out most to you about Abraham's actions in these verses?

Why was this such an important demonstration of Abraham's faith?

In what ways do you see a foreshadowing of the death of Jesus in these verses?

Why does faith require obedience?

Why is it vital that God provide a substitute for us?

Why is Jesus as our substitute good news, even when we sin?

God commands His people to trust in His provision (Hebrews 11:17-19)

As a group, read Hebrews 11:17-19. According to these verses, what did Abraham believe about God?

As Christians, why must we believe in God in the same way as Abraham?

How does your faith in the resurrection impact the way you obey God?

What are some ways we might try to provide atonement for ourselves when we sin?

Where in your life do you need to trust God more?

PERSONAL CHALLENGE:

Record at least one way you will apply the truth of Scripture as one who believes in the resurrection power of the Lord, both physically and spiritually.