ABRAHAM: JOURNEY OF FAITH

Discussion Guide Week 8 – March 10 Faith Tested | Genesis 22:1-19

## Introduction

This is our final week in our "Abraham: Journey of Faith" series and it ends by taking a look at the greatest test of faith that Abraham could possibly face.

We'll not only be challenged to think about our faith and how it is tested but we'll also see a powerful picture in this text that points to the sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ.

## Text: Genesis 22:1-19

## **Questions for Study:**

- **1.** As we conclude this series what are some of the key things you will take away from this series?
- 2. Take a few minutes to read through this text making notes on the specific highlights that stand out to you. After reading through the text, if you had to narrow it down to just one take-away God might have for you, what would it be?
- **3.** What did God ask Abraham to do? How did Abraham respond and what does this suggest was his basic attitude towards God?
- **4.** As the two of them climbed the mountain together how did Isaac make obedience even harder? Try and describe the emotions and the thoughts that were going on in Abraham's mind.
- **5.** Reread verses 15-17. What did God say to Abraham when he called from heaven a second time? How is this blessing similar to and how is it different from the earlier promises (see 12:1-3;7; 13:15-16; 15:4,5,7; 18:18)?
- **6.** What did God want Abraham to learn from this test? Describe the kind of faith Abraham must have had at this point (being well over 100 years old).
- **7.** Read Hebrews 11:17-19. What was Abraham commended for? What did Abraham believe God would do as he was about to sacrifice his son?
- **8.** What is your Isaac? Said differently, do you have anything (anyone, any situation) that you struggle trusting God with? See Romans 12:1...how does this relate to, in a very practical sense, trusting God?
- **9.** How do you see this passage as an arrow pointing to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (notice even the small things like what Isaac carried up the mountain on his back)? What passages would you use to support this parallel?