

**Getting More from the Message – Genesis 21:8-34**

**Community Group Questions – Week of February 21, 2021**

**Getting Started**: Read this week’s passage out loud & pray the Holy Spirit will help you understand.

**Ice Breaker**: Why do you think we so easily take our eyes off the Lord & put them onto our problems?

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1. How do you generally react towards those who mock God? How would you like to respond?

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1. Many people are struggling emotionally during this pandemic. Some people are hopeless. How can we encourage others without making them feel guilty that they may not be trusting the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Can you think of a time when God called you to do something very difficult in life to be faithful to Him? What was that like for you?

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1. Why is holding on tightly to the promises of God so important right now?

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1. How would you explain “common grace” to someone? How does it point to the existence of God?

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1. C.S. Lewis said *“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world*.” **…** What is your reaction to that? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you think there are times when it is possible to work with people you disagree with? How?

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1. Most people think you go to heaven by being a good person and that they are going. The Bible teaches it only happens by grace through faith. As we talk to people, why must we pray God opens people’s eyes?

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1. Was there anything you wanted to ask or say to the group this week?

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1. Was there anything specific you think God wanted you to take away or change from this passage?

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1. How can we pray for you in regards to what we studied this week? Other prayer requests are fine, but we are also looking for a specific prayer request for you in regards to this week’s passage. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**