

THE PLAN

5. The Covenant (Genesis 12-22) October 10, 2021

Story Coordinates (Genesis 12:1-7, 15:3-18, 17:1-10)

People (Who is the story about?)

Place (Where is their home?)

Presence (How can they meet with God?)

Purpose (What did God tell them to do?)

What did they do? (Genesis 12-20)

- At the first sign of famine, they _____ the Promised Land _____ . (12:10)
- Abraham gave _____ to another man— _____ ! (12:11-15, 20:1-2)
- They had a substitute _____ through another _____ . (16:1-5)

How did God respond? (Genesis 21-22)

- God gave them _____ in spite of their _____ . (21:1-5)
- God _____ Abraham to reveal the faith he hadn't been _____ . (22:2)
- God _____ Abraham in time to _____ his promise. (22:9-14)

The Moral of the Story

- Having faith in God means _____ his promises, not just _____ them.
- You don't have to be _____, but you do have to make _____.
- When we choose to trust God, he provides _____ to see it through.

Spoiler Alert:

- Through faith in Jesus, we can inherit the _____ as Abraham. (Galatians 3:5-9)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

- God told Abraham to leave his home and move to a new country he'd never seen. What is the biggest thing you've ever had to do on faith?

2. Into the Bible (Read Hebrews 11:8-19)

- According to v. 10-11, why was Abraham willing to leave his home for the Promised Land? Why was Sarah able to have children?

- Why is God not ashamed to be called the God of Abraham, according to verse 16? Why do you think that makes such a difference to God?

- According to v. 17-19, why was Abraham willing to sacrifice his son? What was he expecting to happen?

- This passage gives us highlights of Abraham's life. Which parts of Abraham's story does this passage leave out? Why do you think that is?

3. Going Deeper

- If God was going to "test" you, what would he ask you to give up? What would be hardest for you to give up?

- Hebrews 11 highlights Abraham's greatest moments of faith. What would your story look like if you told it this way?

- Where do you need to trust God in your life today? Where is he calling you to trust in him and step out in faith?

4. Prayer

- Pray for each member's answer to the last question. Pray for faith like Abraham.