

SERMON: God Our Great Provider
SERIES: Genesis: Abraham a Journey of Faith
SPEAKER: Pastor Mark

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THE GOAL: The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS: Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 22:1-19

SERMON OUTLINE: I. The call of God II. The test of God III. The Lamb of God

REVIEW: Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

Observation: as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

Interpretation: answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

Application: answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God (his grace? love? holiness?) and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

GO DEEPER: Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. "God loves you too much to allow your good thing to become your ultimate thing." Where have you seen this work of God in your own life recently?
2. Abraham understood that the offering of Isaac was to cover his family's sin debt (**justice**). But the death of Isaac would end the hope of **salvation** (through Isaac the world would be blessed). How did God solve this dilemma (see Gen. 22:12-13)? In Jesus, God has provided both justice and salvation for us? How does this encourage you today?
3. Read Romans 8:32. Because of the resurrection we will a) get everything back we have lost, b) gain all we never had, and c) the best is yet to come. How does this truth allow you to face the unknown, the trials, and the temptations of this life?

Pray: Thank God that in Christ we can have both justice and salvation. Confess any good things that have become ultimate things to you. Ask God to grow the hope of resurrection in your heart so much that there is no room for idols.