

## prayer requests

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

## study notes



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# Sermon Study

Salvation People  
Genesis 22:1-19

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## vision

Eastview  
Christian  
Church is a  
fearless church  
of Christ  
followers whose  
ridiculous love  
and dangerous  
witness are  
irresistible.



**AUTHOR'S NOTE** (summary of key points for this study)  
*This passage is saturated with Jesus. Don't miss the obvious parallels. This passage also reminds us that all Christ followers will face trials. How we prepare for them matters. Abraham's faith and preparation for his trial in Genesis 22 provides a good example for us. Theologian Joseph Parker points to this section of scripture as "The just exercise of God's sovereignty and paternal authority," and adds, "This is a hard lesson for us to hear. We love our own will, and think it is best." He concludes. "It is here that the great battle must be fought." Help the group zero in on areas that are difficult to trust God completely, and allow time for them to share their various trials.*

## Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. Describe a time in your life when you had a big test, or had to prove your knowledge or skills. How had you prepared yourself for it?
2. How have you prepared yourself to prove your followership of Jesus to a skeptical world?

**Go**  
(your group on mission)

Make a point of sharing, with at least one person this week, how your faith in Jesus has helped you grow in times of trials.

**Grow** (your group growing as Christ-followers)

**Key Scripture:**

Abraham said “God will provide for Himself the lamb.” Genesis 2:8

**Key Word Study:**

*Test* (Hebrew: ,נִסָּה in latin, *tentare*) In old English, meant “put to the test” because God does not tempt anyone.

**Discussion:**

1. Have someone open with prayer.

2. Have someone read aloud Genesis 22:1-19.

3. Read Genesis 22:1. “After these things, God tested Abraham...” As a group, recall all the events (“these things”) that had led Abraham to this point in his life. Now the test comes. How do you feel about God’s timing and His ways?  
(See also Isaiah 55:8-9, Hosea 14:9, Romans 11:33-36)

4. Read Genesis 22:5 and 22:8 again. Abraham persevered in his trail. How did Abraham’s faith in God’s goodness and promise-keeping help him face what God had asked him to do?  
(See Genesis 13:15-16, 15:19-21, and 17:1-7)

5. When have you experienced a trial in your life? Tell how your faith in Jesus and His promises helped you through it.  
(See also Matthew 19:29, John 10:27-30, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:3-7, 2 Peter 3:13, 1 John 2:25)

6. In your own words, what is the difference between a temptation and a test? MacLaren’s Exposition of the Bible defines them as following:

a. Temptation - Doing the pleasant thing, not being hindered by the fact that it is wrong.

b. Testing (or trial) - Doing the right thing, the noble thing, not being hindered by the fact that it is painful.

How did Jesus deal with temptation? (See Matthew 4:1-11)

7. God prepared a sacrifice for Abraham, sparing Abraham’s son Isaac. What has God provided for us in sacrificing His son, Jesus, the Lamb, in our place?  
(See also Matthew 20:28, Matthew 26:28, John 3:16, John 11:25-26, Romans 3:25 and 5:8, Galatians 4:5, 1 Peter 1:3-5, 1 John 5:11-12)

8. This passage is symbolically saturated with Jesus. How many comparisons and contrasts you can find between Isaac and Jesus in Genesis 22:2, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14?

9. Read the Author’s note and Theologian Parker’s quote. How are you (are we) doing with submission and obedience? What is the hardest area of your life to give over to God?  
(See Matthew 7:21, Matthew 12:50, John 6:38, James 1:12)

**Give**  
(your group serving each other)

Pray with and for each other that our trusting faith in God’s goodness will strengthen us in times of trials. How can the group help you through your current trials?