

Community Group Questions

OPEN: What do you think of when you hear the word “test” (a trial, excitement, school, a fun challenge, etc.)?

DIG: How do we reconcile when a command of God (when God says to “offer your son Isaac as a burnt offering”) conflicts with a promise of God (when God says He will bless Abraham and make him a great nation)?

Read Acts 6:7, Romans 5:19 and 6:16, and 2 Corinthians 9:13. Abraham was obedient and God blessed Him. What are some other benefits of obedience?

Abraham must have felt tremendous pain offering his son Isaac, but he was obedient and God provided the ram in Isaac’s place. What is the hardest test you’ve gone through? How did God provide a ram for your situation?

REFLECT: Is there something you are withholding from the Lord? It may be something about your job, family or personal life. If so, you might share it with the group and ask the Lord together to free you from it. Later this week, read Romans 8 and ask God for guidance on letting go of something you may be withholding from Him.