

# Trusting God Because of His Love

**Text:** Genesis 22

From the example of Abraham, we learn that when God gives a terrifying test, we can still obey Him with unwavering faith because of His steadfast love for us.

**Discussion Questions:** These three larger questions will drive our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon and the associated passage?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can others in the group help you and pray for you so you can do what God told you to do?

## **What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?**

- Describe a time difficult circumstances cast doubt on the goodness of God in your heart. How did you respond to those circumstances?
- Read Genesis 22:1-10. What do you imagine were Abraham's thoughts and feelings in this situation? What does his obedience say about his faith and trust in God? (see Hebrews 11:17-19)
- Read Genesis 22:11-14. God's intervention with Abraham was immediate and dramatic. In our lives, God's intervention is sometimes delayed or more subtle. From your experience, how can we trust God's goodness when we don't see Him intervening?

## **What are you going to do about it?**

- What does this account show you about the connection between faith and obedience?
- Give an example from your own life of how your faith (or lack of faith) was demonstrated by your actions.

## **How can others in this group help you or pray for you?**

- God was willing to sacrifice His only Son for you, and that He went through with it. Does this prove His goodness and love enough to fully earn your trust? If not, what holds you back from trusting Him completely?

## MEMORY VERSE

*"Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."*

Genesis 22:12b

### **Application:**

Joining with other Christ-followers in prayer is a great way to put your faith into action.

*Week of Prayer Rescheduled to Start February 7<sup>th</sup>*

We're rescheduling our annual Night of Prayer along with our staff's Week of Prayer & Fasting. The new date for the Night of Prayer is February 7. Be sure to save the date for this powerful night that you won't want to miss!

We're also asking you to continue in prayer with us by using your group time during the week of February 8-12 for a night of prayer together. You can use the prayer guide that will be distributed during the Night of Prayer on February 7<sup>th</sup>.