



SERMON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Genesis 22 together as a group.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) What would be the equivalent to Abraham sacrificing his firstborn son in today's society?
- 5) Abraham believed God was both holy and gracious. How do you think Abraham would have reacted to God's command if he had strayed from this belief?
- 6) The call to sacrifice Isaac may be perceived as unloving and inconsiderate. How is God's command actually merciful to Abraham?
- 7) Idols enslave. How may have Abraham's idolatrous love for Isaac enslaved him if it had gone unchecked? What would have been the consequences for both Abraham and Isaac?
- 8) Read Romans 8:31-39. How do Abraham and Isaac remind us of the Father's love for us?
- 9) As long as Abraham never had to choose between his son and obedience to God he could not see that his love for Isaac was becoming idolatrous. Can you recall a time when you had to make a choice between God and another good thing? What was the outcome?
- 10) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.

* *These questions taken or adapted from <https://www.westminsterchapel.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Study-Guide-to-Counterfeit-Gods1.pdf>*