

[Primary Text: Genesis 18, 21]

PRAY

Pause. Acknowledge that you are about to open God's word.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

WARM-UP (10 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive God's word.

- LG Foundations (on back page): What did you learn from the foundations course for last week (topic: "Application of the Word")?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text. If you do not have a Bible, your leader can provide one.

- Let's read through chapters 18 and 21 together to refresh our memories.
- Abraham is greeted by three men. How does this chapter help us know who these three men are?
- Abraham was old and of social standing. What was his reaction to the arrival of these men? Would his reaction to these men be considered common for this situation?
- Abraham promised a "morsel" for the men. What was prepared for them? How urgent was the matter?
- What do we learn about Sarah in chapter 18 (age, personality, character)?
- Verses 22-33 say something about both Abraham and God. What do you take away from this text?
- God keeps his promise and Issac is born from the womb of Sarah. Recall the birth of Ishmael from Hagar; How does the birth of Isaac affect Hagar and Ishmael now? How does God protect them?
- What was the purpose of the treaty with Abimelech?
- With Bibles closed, let's walk through the big events of Genesis up to now to help us internalize this book.

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight's conversation lead you to pray for?

Over the next year we will be guided through a series of 30 topics that will challenge us to not only know what we believe but will help us to internalize and verbalize our beliefs. Knowing God's word takes training (1 Tim 4:6-9). **Let us train to know God and make Him known.** Welcome to LG Foundations.

Topic 13: Prayer

{ Prayer seems to be one of the hardest disciplines of the Christian life. Is it worth the attention? Is it worth modifying my daily routine? }

GUIDE:

Thessalonians 5:17 –

Matthew 6:6 –

John 17 –

James 5:17 –

Philippians 4:6-7 –

Matthew 21:22 –

1 John 3:22 –

Matthew 7:7 –

Ephesians 6:18 –

Now that you have been reminded of what God's word says, try answering the topic question again with the paper flipped over. Try to include at least one Bible reference. Repeat this process as if you are teaching someone else. Practice teaching it to a friend or family member.