

## Genesis 22 Message Follow-Up Questions

- (1) What are some of your favorite Easter memories? Was Easter a big event in your family growing up?
  
- (2) Do you find Genesis 22: unsettling? Why or why not? Should testing be unsettling to us or should it be an occasion for rejoicing? What does 1 Peter 1:6-7 suggest? Why might faith need to be tested?
  
- (3) What is your reaction to the lack of any recorded reaction on Abraham's part in Genesis 22:2?
  
- (4) Please read Hebrews 11:17-19. What did the testing of Abraham reveal about his trust in God at this point? What allowed Abraham to reach that point? What might deepen our faith in a similar way?
  
- (5) Please read Genesis 22:7. Have you been asked a question you hoped would never be asked? What do you think Abraham was communicating in verse 8?
  
- (6) What emotions and dialogue do you think stand behind Genesis 22:9? Would you describe Jesus as a victim of crucifixion or as a participant in His crucifixion? What do verses like Luke 22:41-42 and John 18:1-8 suggest?
  
- (7) Please read Genesis 22:10-14. What all do you think Abraham and Isaac felt in these verses? What did it do to their faith in God? Does this event provide any explanation for the use of the words "Fear of Isaac" in Genesis 31:42 and 53? Why call God "Fear"? Does that alter in some way how you see God?