

Genesis 21:1-21 Message Follow-Up Questions

- (1) Please read Psalm 6 and Psalm 13. Do either of these psalms resonate with you? Why or why not? Do you wrestle with God's timing? How do you process through it?

- (2) Please read Romans 5:1-5. What does being justified lead to? What does Jesus add to that? What does being marked by God's hope mean for our lives?

- (3) Please read Genesis 21:1-2. Why is verse 1 part of the story, why not just start the account with verse 2? What implication does that highlight in our lives?

- (4) Is it easy or hard for you to celebrate or rejoice? Why? Please read Philippians 3:1 and 4:4. What do these verses tell us about rejoicing? Why should we rejoice?

- (5) Please read Genesis 21:8-14. What does this scene stir up for you? Why are Sarah and Abraham both emotionally charged? Do you think they ignored the issue of Ishmael and Hagar until now? What is God doing in verses 12 and 13? What message might God deliver to you in your anger? What was needing to happen in Abraham's life at this point?

- (6) Please read Genesis 21:15-20. What do we learn about God in these verses? Was God's message in verses 17 and 18 new to Hagar or a reminder? What does Genesis 16:7-16 suggest? What did Hagar need to keep moving? What might we need? How can we do that?