

## **SERMON QUESTIONS**

### **WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY ABOUT MY SINFUL NATURE?**

- Why is it difficult to give things up for God?
- What does my sinful nature say about how I expect God to provide for me?

### **WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY ABOUT GOD?**

- Genesis 22:1 says that God tested Abraham. What do we learn about God's tests? Pastor Dave mentioned six good purposes of testing. What were they?
- Genesis 22:14 says, "So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide." Jehovah Jireh. It's part of his character. It's part of his nature—we serve a God who provides. How does this encourage you?

### **HOW DOES THE PASSAGE POINT TO JESUS?**

- Read Genesis 22:12-14. This story was repeated to reassure the nation of Israel that God would provide for them. It's easy to look back and say that God provided Jesus to save us, but what other things did Jesus provide us that we wouldn't have without him?
- How was Jesus tested? How did he respond? How was he provided for?

### **HOW DOES GOD WANT ME TO RESPOND?**

- Genesis 22:2 speaks of Abraham needing to sacrifice his precious son, Isaac, to the Lord. Is there anything God might be asking you to sacrifice to Him? Consider:
  - Your willingness to listen to God (v 1-2)
  - Your willingness to trust Him with what you love and care about here on earth (v 3-8)
  - Your willingness to follow and obey Him, even when it's hard and doesn't make sense (v 9-13)
- This story ultimately points us to the love of God who did not spare His Son, but sent Jesus to the cross in our place. Spend some time in prayer, praising and thanking God for all that we have because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.