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Genesis 22

Questions for Discussion:

1. Read the passage. What things stand out? What observations can you make about this passage? What specific observations can you make about the specific language of this section? Is there any emotion being described or offered in this passage? Why do you think that is?
2. Put yourself in the shoes of Abraham or Isaac. What kinds of things would you have been thinking? How would you have reacted? Do you believe that Isaac was a willing participant or do you think it was a struggle of some sort?
3. What do you think it means when God says, "now I know"? Did He somehow not know before? What do you believe is the result of this episode in the lives of Abraham and Isaac? Is there any evidence of that result in their lives?
4. What do the New Testament writers tell us about Abraham and this particular episode in his life? How then should we interpret this whole passage? Does the New Testament writer give a totally new perspective or is it a fairly common perspective?
5. Why do you believe this passage is in the Bible? What does it reveal of the redemptive story? Does it stand on its own, or is it part of a bigger story somehow? Describe why you feel that way about it.