



The Lord has provided.

Ice Breaker: Share one Highlight from your Easter Celebration with your group.

Read Together: Genesis 3:15(NIV), Genesis 12:1,3(NIV),

Discuss:

- Through whom were all of the nations of the Earth to be blessed?

Read Together: Genesis 22:1-2(ESV), John 1:14(NIV), John 3:16(NIV)

Discuss:

- Who was Abraham's only son?
- Who was God's only son?
- Where is the land of Moriah? (2 Chronicles 3:1 tells us that it is Jerusalem)
- God asks Abraham to do something that He has previously condemned...make a human sacrifice. God was making a point. What was that point?

Read Together: Gen. 22:3-13(ESV)

Discuss:

- Abraham said, "(We will) come again to you." – He spoke in faith that God would deliver Isaac from death (he probably believed he would be resurrected since God had said to kill him.)
- The elements Abraham had were symbolic:
 - Knife = Death
 - Fire = Judgement
 - Wood = Altar
- "Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac, his son" What correlation does this have to Jesus?

- Abraham said, “God will provide for himself a lamb” –God provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice instead of Isaac. It means something that the lamb was not provided at that moment. This foreshadowed the “lamb” who would come to redeem all people! That lamb would be Jesus!

Read Together: Galatians 3:16(NIV)

Discuss:

- God is gracious and shows us glimpses of Jesus throughout the bible as He tells His story. All of History and the pages of the Bible point to the plan God had to bring us into His family. Take some time as a group to express your gratefulness for the ways God points to Jesus, even in the OT.

Pray Together:

Father, you parallel so much of your word so that we can see your heart from the Very Beginning was FOR us. Thank you for seeking us, even when we didn't know we needed you.