

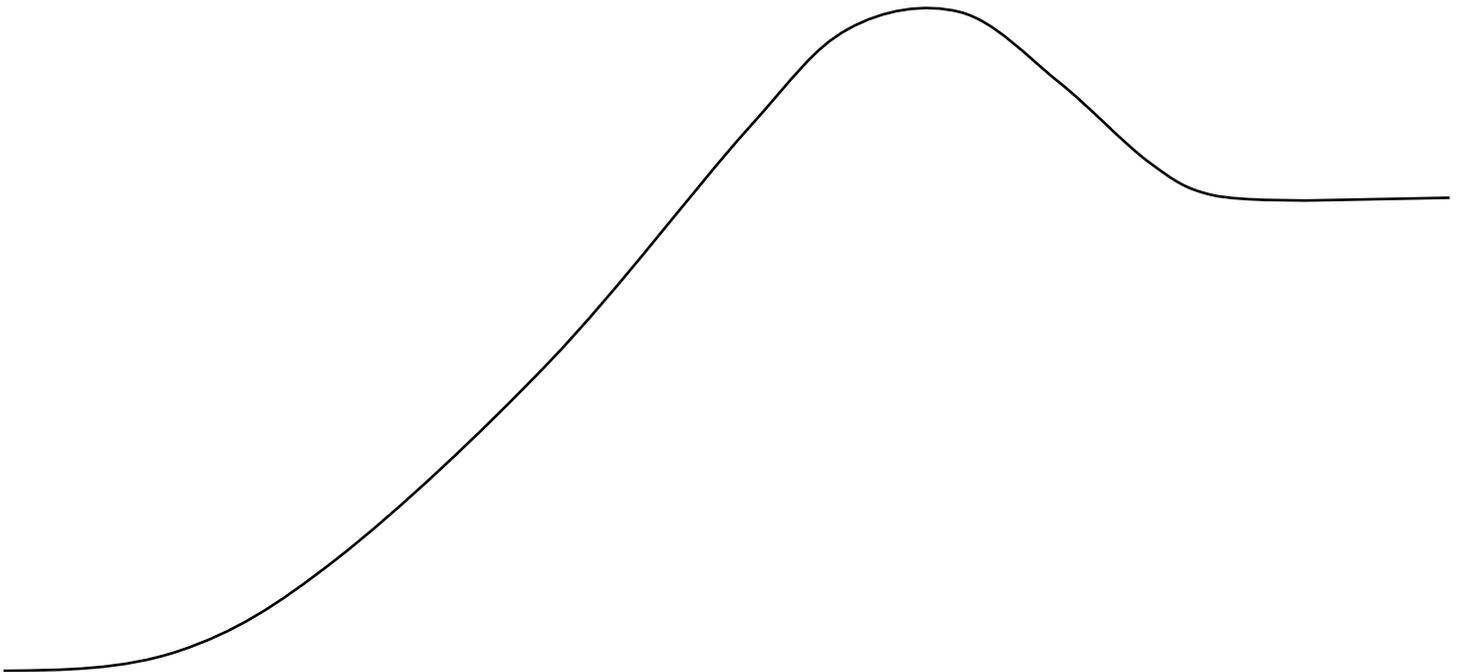
Week 12
Sermon Series: Sojourners: Genesis
Sermon Text: Genesis 22:1-19
Study Handout Week of: July 10, 2022
Group Week of: July 17, 2022
Sermon Date: July 24, 2022

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Covenants Pt 1: Gen 12:1-7; 15:1-20
Day 2	Covenants Pt 2: Gen 17:1-27; 18:9-14
Day 3	Abraham's Faith Pt 1: Hebrews 11:8-19
Day 4	Abraham's Faith Pt 2: James 2:14-26
Day 5	God Gave His Son: John 3:1-21

The Text: Genesis 22:1-19

Instructions

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to His words.
- 2) Read the passage.
- 3) Using the "Story Arc" below, insert the verses according to how you see the story begin, grow, climax, fall, and finish.
- 4) Write out the main lesson of the story.
- 5) Write out some of the other lessons along the way.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the central lesson(s) in this story?
- 2) Why does God test Abraham if He already knows what is in Abraham's heart?
- 3) Why is Abraham willing to sacrifice Isaac?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Being a sojourner requires someone to live for heaven and hold the things of this world loosely. Is it possible to love this world deeply, and to hold it loosely at the same time? If yes, how is it possible? If no, why not?
- 2) If you had a friend who wanted to know how they can figure out whether or not they are too invested in the world, how would you go about helping them figure that out? What questions would you ask? What criteria would you use? Come up with a few ways to help someone think through this.
- 3) Use the system you just came up with on yourself. Are you too invested in the world or are you living in this world as a sojourner?
- 4) Abraham believed in God so much that when God told him to sacrifice his son, he would have done it if God had not stopped him. Is this blind faith? Why or why not? (Read Hebrews 11:8-19 before you answer).
- 5) God wants us to believe in Him. That doesn't mean just believe, rather He wants us to trust that He is who He says He is. Write out who you think God is below. For every point you have written down put a verse or passage beside it to prove that characteristic. Share this with your group so that you can see if your view of God is as full or as true as it should be.
- 6) When God swore an oath on Himself, He almost repeats what He did in the covenant cutting ceremony with Abraham in Genesis 15. When God makes a promise, He will be faithful to complete it, because He cannot break a promise He has made. How does the faithfulness of God help the sojourner to live life here on earth?
- 7) What are the biggest lessons you've learned as you've studied what it means to be a "sojourner" and a "stranger"? We will get to 2 Peter in the fall, but for now, how can these identities be applied to Christians who live in this world? How are you applying them to your own life?