Test from God Genesis 22-23

Sermon Discussion Questions March 6, 2022

- 1. Do you have familiar passages of Scriptures to help you stay calm before a big test or other stressful situations? Please share each other your verses among the group.
- 2. During the season of Lent, many Christians find it helpful to reflect on their lives. Do you love anything more than God? What blessings from God would you have the greatest difficulty giving up? Do you feel you sometimes love God's blessings more than God Himself? Pray together as a group that you would love God more, even more than that which He has given you.
- 3. What is the difference between tests and temptations? Read James 1:13-15 as a group. How does God's testing prepare us to face temptation?
- 4. In the New Testament, faith is often connected to the idea of trust. Read Hebrews 11:17-19. Is it surprising that Abraham's faith worked as he reasoned?

In Isaiah 1:18, God says "Come now, let us reason together." Are there things that you know with your reason about God and His promises that you need to be encouraged to trust?

5. Have you experienced any testing during COVID (not COVID Tests ⁽²⁾), or is the season of Lent testing you with either food, sleep, money or phones for instance? Is there any way in which your small group can encourage you during your testing period?