

Women's Bible Study

Genesis 16 and 17

1. Years have passed since the covenant ceremony of Genesis 15:9-21 and Abram and Sarai have no son. What do Abram and Sarai do? Describe Sarai's and Abram's motives and their attitudes toward God? How does their plan backfire?

2. What are some typical ways we can be tempted to "take matters into our own hands"?

3. How does God treat Hagar? What does God's treatment of a lowly slave girl tell us about Him? Why does God insist Hagar return to Sarai?

4. How is this covenant-making event the same as the one in Genesis 15:9-19? How is it different?

5. What is God's part? What is Abram's part? Can one's walk before God be blameless? If so, how?

6. What does circumcision signify? What does God want from Abram?
Read Deuteronomy 10:1-6 and Colossians 2:11-12.

7. Why did God rename Abram and Sarai? What is the significance of a name? What does what you call someone communicate about your relationship? What names has God given you? (i.e. daughter, saint...)