

Women's Bible Study

Genesis 21

1. Read Genesis 21:1-7.

A) What does the Lord do?

B) How does Sarah respond?

C) What do you observe about Sarah's faith in these verses?

2. Isaac's name means "laughter". Ishmael's name means "God hears". Describe how each boy's name has significance in this chapter.

3. In verses 15 and 16 Hagar is in a hopeless situation. She is sure that her circumstances spell the end for her and her son, but God heard her cry and provided miraculously. Think of a time when you were hopeless and God provided for you, or maybe you are in a hopeless situation and need to cry out to God for help. Read these words of comfort: Psalm 116:1-9.

4. In chapter 20, Abraham approached Abimelech with fear, but in this chapter, we see a much different dynamic in their interaction. How has the tone of their relationship changed? What has brought about this change?

5. What is the purpose of Abraham and Abimelech's covenant at Beersheba? Think about a covenant you have made, for example, choosing baptism for yourself or a child. How are you living out that covenant?