

Genesis Bible Study Assignment

April 8, 2021

Reading: Genesis Chapters 20 & 21

Discussion Questions

Genesis Chapter 20

1. Compare Genesis 12:10-20 to Genesis Chapter 20. Name 3 similarities between the two scriptures. Name one difference.
2. In Genesis 20:6, God says that he kept Abimelech from sinning. How do you think God did that? Do you believe God keeps people from sinning? If not, why not? If so, how does that relate to your understanding of free will?
3. If you know of one, give an example of one person doing something (like Abraham misleading Abimelech about his relationship with Sarah) that has led to the sin of another person.

Genesis Chapter 21

4. Abraham was 86 years old when Ishmael was born and 100 years old when Isaac was born. Have you ever had to wait several years for someone to fulfill a promise? If so, describe your feelings during that time.
5. Why do you think Abraham waited until Isaac was weaned before throwing a party?
6. Genesis 21:9 says that Sarah saw Hagar "playing" with her son Isaac. Why do you think Sarah reacted the way she did?
7. The word translated "playing" in verse 9 can also be translated as "mocking". Would this alternative translation change your interpretation of Sarah's reaction? How so?

8. Name one reason you think Abraham obeyed Sarah and sent Hagar and Ishmael away.

9. Verse 16 says that Hagar went the distance of a bowshot away (about 50 yards) so she would not “look on the death of the child”. Couldn’t she have just turned her back? Why do you think she moved so far away from Ishmael?

10. What does God tell Hagar to do first? Why do you think God told her to do this before showing her the well?

11. Who may have dug the well that provided Hagar and Ishmael water in the wilderness? (HINT: What was the name of the wilderness into which Abraham sent Hagar and Ishmael?)