

Dig Deeper @Home – “Hello, my Name is ...”

Complement to lesson on 7/30/23 – “The God who Provides”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. At what age do you find children the most adorable? The most exasperating?
2. What possession would be the hardest for you to give up?

MEMORIZE – Jeremiah 33:2-3

Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it – the LORD is his name: “Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”

READ – Read Genesis 22:1-14

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared? (If so... why might that be?)
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God? About people?
In light of these, what needs to change in your life? What are you already doing well?
2. Knowing that God waited 25 years before providing a son for Abraham, how would you expect Abraham to react to God’s instructions in verse 2?
 - a. Why doesn’t Abraham object? What do you learn about Abraham based on his prompt, obedient actions? (vv. 3-10)
 - b. Do you think Abraham would actually have killed Isaac (vv. 5, 8-10)? Why? (See Hebrews 11:17-19)
 - c. How is Jesus like Isaac? How is he like the lamb? (John 1:29) How do the examples of Isaac and Jesus apply to you current circumstances and faith? Where do you get the strength to say “Yes” to God as Jehovah-Jireh when everything else inside of you says “No”?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – *Making a Sacrifice*

As you think about your life and your treasured relationships and possessions. What is one way you can “open your hands” this week and give something of your precious time, talents or treasures away. What is something you can give away to bless others in this next week? What is most valuable to you and how can you devote that to God?

After answering these questions, consider again that the LORD is called “God my Provider.” What can you draw out of that name after answering the questions above? End by praying to Jehovah-Jireh, God my Provider, lifting up praise and prayer requests for yourself and those people and things you are offering to God.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Jehovah Jireh, My Provider - https://youtu.be/fCsH_TtZReY

Way Maker - <https://youtu.be/29lxnsqOkmQ>

Psalms 8 (How Majestic is Your Name) - <https://youtu.be/bPSv8vredVs>

When We Walk With the Lord - Mennonite Hymnal #577

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

As you go this week, may Jehovah-Jireh, “God my Provider” grant you faith to trust Him to provide what you need to continue to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being according to the riches of his glory.