### INTRO

• Share an example where you have clearly seen God's provision in your life, big or small.

This series is about posturing our hearts towards the goodness and greatness of our God. In each biblical encounter, there is a particular name and characteristic of God that is revealed in the encounter. Today, we are introduced to **Jehovah Jireh—The Lord Will See To It**.

# READ

Gen 22:1-14

## **REFLECT & RESPOND**

This particular story can be confusing, perhaps disturbing, to those new to it. What does it say about God? Is God into child sacrifice??

However, it is helpful to note:

- Abraham has walked with God for a long period of time and so, implicitly trusts God based on his known character;
- Abraham didn't think Isaac would actually die (see v5, 8, and Heb 11:17-19);
- This story foreshadows Jesus' story

"God tested Abraham" is the point. And in so doing, we are meant to be moved and instructed by 2 examples.

### 1. ABRAHAM'S FAITH

Considering everything that's at stake for him, Abraham's trust in and obedience towards God is remarkable! And in the end, God commends his faith as true worship (12). Therefore, true faith for us will also require trust, sacrifice, and obedience even when it sometimes doesn't make sense.

Qu: how are you both challenged and encouraged by Abraham's example of faith in God in this story?

### 2. GOD'S PROVISION

Jehovah Jireh literally means, "The-Lord-Will-See-To-It". I love that! We don't have it all figured out a lot of the time, but we are to know and trust that God will see to it.

Ultimately, God's provision for our greatest need is seen in Jesus. Like Abraham, Jesus' obedience means God's provision is offered to us.

If God has seen and willingly met our greatest need through tremendous cost to Himself, don't you think we should trust God with our lesser needs in life?

Qu: Is it hard for you to trust God as your provider? Why or why not?

Therefore,

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? — Rom 8:32

Qu: Are there any needs in your life right now we can pray and trust God to see to it?

#### PRAY

- Pray for one another especially in light of the last question.
- Pray for a greater revelation of Jehovah Jireh,
  The-Lord-Who-Sees-To-It In each other's life.