

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## JOURNEY OF FAITH: WEEK 5

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to [southeastchristian.org](http://southeastchristian.org) to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What makes for a good mom? What are some of the qualities/characteristics we expect the ideal mom to possess? How do we see these qualities reflected in pop culture/stories? How do we see them reflected in real life? Why do mothers play such a pivotal role in our lives and in our stories?

Read Genesis 18:1-15. As you read this story, what stands out to you? How do you think Abraham knew the importance of these visitors? How would you have responded had you known the true identity of these travelers? Why do you think Sarah reacted the way she did throughout this story?

How do you think Abraham and Sarah felt after such a long season of waiting? It had been 25 years since God's initial promise to them. Think about your own life 25 years ago. Where were you? What were you doing? Do you think you could have had the patience to wait so long? Why or why not?

In what ways can God use the "delays" to help prepare us? How have you seen Him preparing and working in your own heart through seasons of waiting? Reflecting on your own life, what are some of the most important lessons you have learned through those times you had to wait?

In Genesis 18:14, God asks an incredibly important question: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" How would you answer that question? What does a person's answer to that question reveal about their faith in God? Why is it so hard for us to trust in the answer to that question when we're in seasons of waiting?

Read Genesis 21:1-6. What does this passage tell us about God fulfilling His promises to Abraham and Sarah? How did God transform Sarah's laughter? Has there ever been a time when God did something that made you laugh in joy? Close your time in prayer by asking God to meet you in whatever season of waiting you are currently facing.