

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

JOURNEY OF FAITH: WEEK 7

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 to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

We're at the time of year where we are celebrating graduations. Think back to your own graduation (high school or college is fine!). In what ways did that moment represent a finish line? In what ways was it just a starting gate? What are some other situations where we might be tempted to confuse a milestone for a finish line?

Read Genesis 22:1-10. As you read this passage, try to put yourself in Abraham's shoes throughout the narrative. What would have been going through your mind? How would you have felt when God first made this request? How would you have felt as you made your way up the mountain? Could you have done what Abraham did?

Lucas reminded us that Abraham could have been tempted to love the promise (Isaac) more than the God of the promise. Why do we tend to emphasize God's gifts over God Himself? What are some areas of life where you are tempted to do that? How can we remember to love God more than the things He's promised?

Read Genesis 22:11-18. How does God ultimately show up and provide in this story? How do you think Abraham felt in that moment? In what ways was His faith vindicated? How does this story ultimately point us towards what God will ultimately do through Christ?

Read Hebrews 11:32-38. What does this passage teach us about the various outcomes of living by faith? Why do you think the writer of Hebrews wants us to understand that faith can lead us down different paths? How can we persevere in our faith when the outcome is unclear or unknown?

Over the course of Abraham's story, we've talked a lot about waiting. What's something you've been waiting for God to do in your own life? What are some ways you'd like to see Him provide in your story? Close in prayer by asking God to help you continue to live by faith as you wait to see what He's going to do.