

## **Discussion Guide: Gen 12–22 (Covenant)**

**Big Idea:** God is going to fix what was broken in Gen 1–11 through Abraham and his offspring. [His plan includes a land, a people, and blessing the whole earth through them.] *He will once more “walk” with his creation.*

- 1) Start by discussing anything you learned or saw for the first time. *What was new? What was interesting? What would you like to know or learn more about?*
- 2) Look at slide 3 (Pentateuch overview) and discuss. *What’s this story about? What’s wrong? How is it fixed? Also, how does what you learned about the big-picture overview challenge what you thought about the Pentateuch before?*
- 3) From slides 6-8, what does the structure or layout of Genesis suggest about what kind of story it is and how we should read it? I.e., *what do you think it means, if anything at all, that Genesis is organized and arranged like it is (in patterns like from slide 8)?*
- 4) Discuss the “walking” theme of the Pentateuch (Adam & Eve, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Tabernacle [Lev 26:11-12]). *What does it mean? Why does it matter?*
- 5) Discuss the “God sees” theme from Gen 12–22 (see slide 9) and its significance. *Where else do you see this theme in our text? What does it mean and why does it matter?*
- 6) Discuss Gen 22:1-14. *What was the nature of the test? How did Abraham respond? What was God’s response?*
- 7) Discuss what this sort of response would look like and feel like in your own life today? *What would it mean for you to put both your past and your future on the line for the Lord?*
- 8) What sorts of things are keeping you from a proper “fear” of God? *What’s getting in the way? What are you going to do about it, and how can you help each other with this?*
- 9) What does “walking with God” look and feel like today? *Discuss.*
- 10) From question #1, how would you like to follow up on learning more about this story? *How can you help each other do this, practically speaking, this week?*