

	LESSON 12 GENESIS 16-17
1.	What verse, truth or insight from Genesis 15 enlarged your understanding and/or love of God, and what difference did that make in your thoughts or prayers this week?
2.	As you read Genesis 16-17 , ask God in prayer for wisdom and increased confidence in Him for your place of waiting.
3.	Read Genesis 16:1-6 . When has your desire for a good thing outweighed waiting on God's plan to be fulfilled in His way and time? What were the results for yourself or someone you love?
4.	Read V4-6. What are some of the attitudes and actions displayed by Sarai and Hagar? To which can you most relate? Why?
5.	Who do you think "The angel of the Lord" is in V7-12 (see Genesis 21:17, 22:15-16 and Judges 13:21-22), and what do you notice about what he says and does?
6.	How did the encounter with "The angel of the Lord" change Hagar in V13-15 ? Have you ever had a similar encounter with God, being changed by experiencing His presence? Explain.

7. The name Ishmael means "God has heard," and Hagar named the Lord "the God who sees me." How

does the fact that God hears and sees you, encourage you? Be specific.

8.	Thirteen years passed between the time of Genesis 16 and Genesis 17. As you read 1	7:1-8,	think
	back to previous chapters. What are the specific promises God confirms and promsies	on whi	ch He
	expands?		

- 9. a) According to V9-14 how did God tell Abraham to keep his part of the covenant to demonstrate faith in God's promises and everlasting covenant?
 - b) What more do you learn about circumcision as a sign and seal from Romans 4:11, and how does that connect us with Abraham (see also **Genesis 15:6**)?
- 10. Four new names are mentioned in **Chapter 17**. What are they (**V1**, **5**, **15**, **19**)? Given that names in the Bible point to the character of God or symbolize the transformation of a person's character, in your opinion, what is the significance of each of these new names?

- 11. Against all odds, and despite Abraham's and Sarah's sin and doubts, God remains faithful to His promise of blessing. List some attributes of God displayed through V15-21?
- 12. In V19-21 God clearly established His covenant through Isaac, not Ishmael. Although Abraham is concerned for Ishmael, in V 23-27 he immediately obeys God's command for circumcision. What do you learn about the spiritual aspect of circumcision from:
 - **Deuteronomy 30:6**
 - Romans 2:29
 - **Romans 9:6-8**

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13	God continues to faithfully commit Himself to His people through His promises and ultimately through
	Christ. How does knowing this ROOT you in love for and trust in Him in your place of waiting? Give
	specific examples.

"GOSPEL GLIMPSES" ": Throughout the Book of Genesis, we will see previews of Jesus, and a foreshadowing of the Gospel (The Salvation Story).

- 1. God renamed Abram to Abraham, "father of a multitude" and promised "kings shall come from you. From the following verses, how was that promise ultimately fulfilled?
 - Matthew 1:1-2
 - Galatians 3:14-16
- 2. In **Colossians 2:11-14** Paul links circumcision to baptism. What connections do you see, and what does this mean to you personally?
- 3. In these scriptures, what do you learn about the new covenant Jesus mediates between God and mankind through faith?
 - Jeremiah 31:31,33
 - Luke 22:20
 - Hebrews 7:22
 - Hebrews 8:6
- 4. a) Write out the Suggested Memory Verse: Genesis 16:13 or 17:7
 - b) Talk with God and write a prayer of response for where your heart has been moved by this lesson.

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PRAYER REQUEST

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