

CPC Community Group Questions June 27, 2021 Genesis 16:1-16

1. What are some ways **you** have "second-guessed" God, as Sarai did? Why do you think you/we do this?

2. How does waiting (or not waiting) on the Lord reveal your heart? Might our choices show *who* we're more interested in pleasing and trusting God or ourselves/our goals? How so?

3. Mark mentioned that when we're waiting on God and he doesn't *seem* to care or be attentive to our prayers, *that's* when we're most vulnerable to taking things into our own hands. What happened when Sarai and Abram did exactly that and *ran ahead* of God? (vv.1-3)

4. Hagar wasn't seeking God but he was seeking *her.* How did he show his mercy and grace to her? (vv.13-14) How did that change her? Have you ever had an experience with God like Hagar's?

5. It's been said that "God's delays are not his denials." Why do you think this is such a difficult truth for us to accept and believe?

6. Now that you've read this passage and heard Mark's sermon, how, if at all, has your view of God been impacted?