



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

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Genesis 20:1-18

“From Sabotage to Saving Grace”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. By this point in the narrative of Genesis, one might expect Abraham's faith to start being evidenced by right actions and good decisions. Unfortunately the opposite happens in chapter 20. What leads Abraham to make these bad decisions? How are we tempted in the same ways today?
2. Abraham feared the nations more than his God. Where do you see this as a problem in your life? How can the Growth Group encourage you in fearing the Lord over man?
3. Why is Abraham's deception of Abimelech especially problematic in relation to Sarah? What does this matter reveal about Abraham's marriage and trust of God?
4. When Abraham is called out for his deception, he hides behind the claim that there is "absolutely no fear of God in this place" (20:11). Yet, he actually lacks the fear of God. Do you ever feel prone to this kind of hypocrisy?
5. When Abraham lies to Abimelech, he misrepresents the character of God to the nations. How might Christians do that today?
6. Why does the writer of Genesis make clear that Abimelech has no sexual relations with Sarah? What is at stake if the child is not Abraham's?
7. Unlike Abraham, Abimelech shows his respect for Sarah by giving a gift of silver as a pledge that she has not engaged in an illicit relationship. What does this gift and effort to protect Sarah's reputation suggest about the value of women?