

Community Groups are the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering. It is through the interaction that takes place in each of these groups around our area that will enable people to begin to move from being drawn to God to a life that is being deepened by God. Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering, owning, and applying the truths of God's Word. There may be aspects you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point or truth. Some questions may bring out emotions and cause people to dwell on an aspect of their relationship with God. Use this as a flexible teaching tool not a rigid group task list.

Consider...

Use the summary and questions to consider this week's message and its implications in your life:

Message Summary

What an honor to have Koshey Baby with us from India. Hearing him share about the miraculous signs that he sees regularly in Delhi made us feel like we were in the book of Acts! Along with his updates about the Lord moving in the slums of Delhi, Koshey encouraged us about how God is our provider. He shared three ways God provides for us from Genesis 22:

1. **God said He would bless us:** All of us like the blessings, but very few of us like the tests that often come before the blessings. Abraham had the promises from God, but his obedience to God's commands opened him up to receive them.
2. **God said He would multiply us:** Why does God multiply us? Because it's his nature. In Matthew 14 we find Jesus multiplying the bread and fish, but the food had to be given to Jesus first. The key to this promise is obedience, and we can see that in Abraham's life. He got up early in the morning to sacrifice his son, but many of us would have waited until the latest possible moment. Our obedience is what brings our resources to Jesus for multiplication.
3. **God said He would give us the land:** When we're obedient to the Lord, we receive possession of the promise - even if our enemies have it. Genesis 22:17-18 reveals this promise in Abraham's story.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.
- Read Genesis 22:2. How would you respond if the Lord gave you this command? Read verse 3 to find out how quickly Abraham acted. How would your response have differed or been similar to his?
- Read Genesis 22:12. Can God say that you "have not withheld" from him? What areas of your life care the hardest to sacrifice in obedience to God?
- As a church, our response to this message is to hold our resources out to the Lord with an open hand and trust Him to lead us where to use them. **Sunday, our church made it possible for Koshey to provide just over 193,000 cups of milk to children over the next year.** Take the time to close your group by giving God praise for allowing us to be a part of what His kingdom's growth in India.

Commit...

Think and pray through your answers to the following questions in order to commit your life to living out what you've learned this week:

- What are some of the main truths/passages that God wants you to know from this message?
- Based on that truth/passage, what is an action that you can start to implement today or tomorrow?