

# LIFEGROUPS

## LIVING CHRIST : ABRAHAM, SARAH AND HAGAR

### Read Genesis 16

1. Why did Sarah (Sarai) decide on the plan to have a child through Hagar? Would you have done differently?
2. Why did God ask Hagar to return to her mistress (in spite of the fact that she was being abused)?
3. What do you think Hagar thought about what the angel said in Genesis 16:11-12?

### Read Genesis 17:15-22 and 18:1-15

4. Why do you think Abraham (Abram) and Sarah both laughed at what the Lord said? Were they for the same or different reasons?
5. What lessons (if any) was God trying to teach to Abraham, Sarah and Hagar?
6. To what degree did Abraham, Sarah and Hagar trust God?
7. Whom out of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar do you identify with the most and why?
8. What do you find difficult to trust God with? How as a Life Group can you grow in trusting God more?

### Leaders Notes

These notes are here as guidelines or commentary notes to help the leader. Let the Word of God lead you and your Lifegroup to HEAR God's prophetic message this week as you explore His Word together.

### A little context regarding this week's study

At the start of Genesis 16 it has been about 10 years since Abraham first received the promise of fathering great nation. Abraham and Sarah are both getting on in years and the likelihood of this happening appears to be diminishing. For Sarah her infertility was probably something shameful as it diminished her status as a woman in the society of the time (although arguably not that different now). It was customary, in the culture that they came from, for the wife to give a slave as a concubine to her husband to have child which would then belong to the husband and his wife.

It's easy for us with hind sight to be able to see that the promise to Abraham would be fulfilled in his and Sarah's son Isaac. However, at the time this was all happening, they probably all thought that Ishmael was the promised son.