



What's
in a
NAME?

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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OPENING QUESTION

Have you ever had to give away or sell something that was very important to you? Something that you really treasured, but you just couldn't keep any longer? How did it feel?

READ TOGETHER

Read **Genesis 22** as a group. Then take some time of quiet and allow everyone to read it again for themselves. Highlight any words that stand out to you.

BIG IDEA

How you live and how God provides for you are directly connected.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In God's command to Abraham in verses 1 and 2, what phrases emphasize the magnitude and painfulness of the sacrifice Abraham is told to make?
2. What do the details of this story in verses 3 to 10 reveal about Abraham's response to an incredibly difficult command to obey?
3. In verse 12, the Lord says, "Now I know that you fear God because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son. Based on Abraham's example, what do you think it means to fear God?"
4. How does God's provision for Abraham in verses 13 to 14 fulfill the confidence he expressed earlier?
5. What is the name Abraham gave to this place where he was willing to sacrifice his son? Why does he give it this name which has become a name we use for God?
6. Have you ever faced a situation in which obedience to God required you to give up someone or something you loved? Explain.
7. How do you personally experience God being your provider? How is HE your Jehovah Jireh?

CHALLENGE

This week, try to live with an awareness of how God provides for you, how He is your Jehovah Jireh. Begin each morning by talking to Him and inviting Him to provide for you throughout your day. As you end your day, take some time to think back through your day as to how you experienced God as your provider that day.

PRAYER

Go around your group and ask each group member to share one setting in their life (home, work, etc.) where they find it difficult to experience God as provider – as Jehovah Jireh. If you can, share why that might be true. And then pray for each other in this regard.