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in a  
NAME?

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

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## OPENING QUESTION

What were some of the toughest times in your life?

## READ TOGETHER

**Genesis 16**

## BIG IDEA

**God sees you in your circumstances.**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Hagar is our main character today. How would you describe her lot in life?
2. God is omniscient and omnipresent. What then does it mean in Genesis 16:7 when it says the Angel of the Lord "found" Hagar?
3. Can you think of a time when God "found" you in a difficult situation?
4. Being lost is a condition rather than a location. There are two questions God asked Hagar to help her understand where she was in life. What were they?
5. "Where have you come from?" How does God help us deal with our past? Have you asked God for forgiveness for past sins and healing for past injuries?
6. "Where are you going?" How does God help chart a new course for our future? Submission to God in the present is the path to blessing in the future. How can we help each other hear God's directions when we are in tough times?
7. In her trouble God gave Hagar a magnificent gift. She now had a personal name for God that came out of her experience with him. God became personal to her. Looking back on your "Hagar experiences", what name could you give God?

## CHALLENGE

This week, remember that God sees you. Also, based on your relationship with God, what personal name might you give to Him?

## PRAYER

Father, I believe you see me where I am. I believe that you want to forgive and heal my past and open a blessed future before me. I receive and choose to live in that reality this week.

## NEXT STEPS

The fact is, we all have brokenness in our lives. We can all relate to Hagar in some way. The question isn't "Do you have any brokenness in your life?", the real question is "What are we going to do about the brokenness in our lives!?"

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