

# PAGES

WEEK OF March 4 – March 10 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aid in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is only an aide for you to **experience Christ together.**

**Prayer:** Begin your time in group together by inviting God to be with you. Ask Him to change you as you seek Him and study His Word together. Ask him to use everyone in the group to encourage, challenge, and teach one another.

## **Bible Study:**

1. Pastor Scott taught on Genesis 22:1-4 concerning the account of Abraham and Isaac. His sermon revolved around the idea of “typology,” which he defined as: a person or thing in the Old Testament which foreshadows a person or thing in the New Testament. From this he sought to answer three questions. The first being, “What are Biblical pictures?”
  - a. **What are some of the examples Pastor Scott used from the Bible?**
  - b. **How were they used to demonstrate something beyond themselves?**
2. Secondly, Pastor Scott asked, “Why were these pictures given?” From this he explained that the pictures were given to reveal and remind God’s people about His coming promise: Jesus.
  - a. **Why is it important that we never stray far from the gospel? How does it operate to remind and reveal God’s promise?**
  - b. **What does it mean to “preach the gospel to ourselves often”?**
3. Thirdly, he answered, “What is an example of one of these pictures?” Out of this question he unpacked Genesis 22:1-14, the story of Abraham offering up his son, Isaac. This famous account details the moment God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his son.
  - a. **According to Pastor Scott, why did God test Abraham?**
  - b. **Discuss his quote: “Our trails and tests are not to see if God can trust us. Our test are for us to see that we can trust God”**
4. Pastor Scott explained that this story points directly to the Father’s love and sacrifice for the son of God who came to take away the sin of the world. Have someone read Hebrews 11:17,19 and discuss:
  - a. **How does this story function as a “type” or picture?**
  - b. **What does this narrative tell us about God and our relationship with Him?**

**Practical Application:** Practice preaching the gospel to yourself daily. How can you remind yourself this week about the gospel and the promise is holds for this life and the life to come?