

AFFIRMATION OF GROWTH (15 MINUTES)

- **Check in:** How did the challenge go the last 2 weeks? What's one thing that God has taught you in facing it or from revival week.
- **Pray:** Pray specifically for both those who struggled with the challenge and those who met their goal. Ask God to reveal truth and continue the work he began in each person.

BIBLE DISCOVERY (35 MINUTES)

- **Big Idea (Watch Video):** As God's people are a blessing to the nations. Abraham models being a blessing to the other characters of Genesis.
- **Bible Passage:** Read Genesis 21:1-34 aloud (take turns)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Describe the conflicts between Sarah, Hagar, and their sons.
 - What do you think about each person and how they interact?
 - Which characters actually belong to the Abrahamic covenant?
2. Abraham has to resolve conflicts and make some hard decisions.
 - How does he resolve the conflict that Sarah has with Hagar?
 - How does he provide for Hagar and Ishmael as he sends them?
 - How does he confront the issues that arise with Abimelech?
 - How does he resolve these problems and disputes?
3. What does this story teach us about God?
 - How does God keep his promise to & through Abraham?
 - How does God deal with his special covenant people?
 - How does God deal those who are not part of the covenant?
4. How does the promise of blessing in Genesis 12:1-3 points to Jesus.
 - How does Abraham model this blessing to others?
 - In what ways is Abraham a positive example to follow?
 - As followers of Jesus, what is our role in blessing the nations?

CHALLENGE FOR LIFE (10 MINUTES)

- **One Change:** Each person must identify one specific action to personally respond to the Word of God. Remember to be specific.
- **Pray:** Close by praying for our whole church family and our greater culture to respond to the Holy Spirit. Pray for Christian influencers, civil leaders, and socio-political decision makers.