**Life Group Notes**

**Genesis 22 v 1-18 – Abraham and Isaac**

1. How do you understand the context of this story? Why is Isaac such a significant person (see Gen 17 v 17-21)? What must have been Abraham’s feelings towards him?
2. How does Abraham respond to God’s voice and instruction (See Gen 22 v 1 and 3)? How do you think he felt about what God said to him? What motivated him to obey God’s command? If you remember the earlier chapters about Abraham may they help explain his response?
3. Do you believe that God has ever asked you to do something difficult? Can you say if you did it and if so, why?
4. ‘Sacrifice’ is not a very popular or common word today. How do you understand the meaning of ‘sacrifice’? In what ways is ‘sacrifice’ a positive rather than a negative concept? How can we offer a sacrifice to God today (See Hebrews 13:15-16)?
5. Read Hebrews 11:17-19 - How do you imagine the process whereby Abraham came to believe that God would raise Isaac from the dead? Note the words ‘faith’ in verse 17 and ‘reasoned’ in verse 19. How have you come to believe in the resurrection?
6. What do you think is the significance of the words of the angel in verse 12? How much does this explain the story? Also read Ephesians 3 v 9-11 – if Abraham was in a sense a forerunner of the church, do these verses imply there was significance to the story in both heaven and earth?
7. What lesson do you think Abraham took away from this experience? What lessons do you draw from the story?