



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



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Dive In (10 Minutes)

Go around and let everyone share...

What is the longest you've ever had to wait for something you really wanted (A job, a house, a specific piece of news, or even a package in the mail)? Once it finally arrived, did it feel exactly how you expected it to, or was the reality "messier" than the dream?

Dig Deep (40 Minutes)

Read Genesis 21:1-21 aloud.

The 25-year wait is finally over. Isaac is born!

- Read vv. 1–2: Notice the repetitive phrasing: "The Lord visited Sarah *as he had said... as he had promised... at the time of which God had spoken.*" Why do you think the author hammers this home so hard?
- Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 before God fulfilled His promise. Is there a situation in your life where you've stopped expecting God to move? How does this passage challenge that?
- Sarah saw Ishmael "mocking" Isaac and demanded that Hagar and Ishmael be cast out. Does Sarah's reaction feel like a righteous protection of the promise, or human jealousy? Or both?
- What happened in the triangle of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar was messy. Why do you think the Bible includes these "ugly" and dysfunctional qualities of the patriarchs' lives?
- God opened Hagar's eyes to see a well that was already there. Often, God's provision is closer than we realize. What "wells" might be in your life right now that you're currently too distressed to see?

Do Big (10 Minutes)

- Who is the "Hagar" or "Ishmael" in your world—the person who feels cast out, overlooked, or "outside" the circle? How can we be the ones to point them toward the well?