

Second Helping Discussion Guide

Mount Moriah (Jehovah Jireh)

Series: *Meeting God on the Mountain* (Week 2)

Primary Text: Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)

Theme: God is *Jehovah Jireh* – not just the God who *provided*, but the God who *will provide*.

To the Leader: We have included some prompts/help for each question. Ask the question and let people respond. Use these prompts only if it seems that people are stuck with nothing OR stuck on a single idea. These will help fill out the discussion.

Icebreaker (Message-Based)

Icebreaker Question:

When have you been in a situation where you didn't know what to do... and God provided in a way you didn't expect?

(It can be something big like finances or healing—or something small like a conversation, timing, protection, or an open/closed door.)

Leader Prompt:

Encourage people not to rush to “the spiritual answer,” but to share a real moment where they felt stuck, uncertain, anxious, or afraid.

Brief Recap of the Message

In this second message of *Meeting God on the Mountain*, we climb one of the hardest mountains in Scripture: **Mount Moriah**. In **Genesis 22:1-14**, God tests Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his promised son Isaac. This is not God endorsing child sacrifice—God stops Abraham and shows that He is completely different from the pagan gods of the surrounding nations.

At the last moment, God provides a ram caught in a thicket, and Abraham names the place: **“The LORD Will Provide” (Jehovah Jireh).**

But the message challenges us not to focus only on the dramatic “ram moment.” Along the journey, God was already providing:

- **access to Himself** (relationship)
- **direction** (step-by-step guidance)
- **the promised son** (Isaac himself)
- **strength** for the journey
- **words** in a painful moment
- and ultimately **a picture of salvation**

Mount Moriah points forward to Mount Calvary: Isaac carries wood; Jesus carries the cross. Isaac is spared; Jesus is not—because Jesus becomes the substitute for us.

When we truly see God as Jehovah Jireh, it changes us: it grows gratitude, builds trust for the next mountain, replaces anxiety with peace, makes us generous, and strengthens our testimony.

Discussion Questions (with Leader Prompts)

1. Why do you think God “tested” Abraham here?

Read: **Genesis 22:1-2 (NIV)**

“Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

2 Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- A test reveals what is already in the heart—it's not about God learning new information.
- God was forming Abraham, strengthening trust, and revealing God's nature.
- Ask: *Do I believe God is good even when I don't understand Him?*
- Ask: *Do I believe obedience is still obedience if it hurts?*

2. What is the "Isaac" in your life—something you love deeply, but might be holding too tightly?

Read: **Genesis 22:2 (NIV)** ("your only son, whom you love")

Leader Prompts / Helps:

This is a heart-searching question. Let it get quiet.

Possible "Isaacs" people cling to:

- reputation / approval
- control
- comfort
- financial security
- a relationship
- a dream
- bitterness
- fear of the future
- even ministry success

Follow-up prompt:

What would it look like to surrender that to God—not lose it, but release control of it?

3. Abraham said: "We will worship and then we will come back." What does that reveal about his faith?

Read: **Genesis 22:5 (NIV)**

"He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- Abraham is speaking faith before the outcome is visible.
- He believed God would still keep His promises.
- Ask: *Do you speak faith in hard moments—or only after the miracle comes?*
- Ask: *What would it look like for you to worship while still confused?*

4. Isaac asked, “Where is the lamb?” What do you do when you don’t have an answer to the hardest questions in life?

Read: **Genesis 22:7-8 (NIV)**

Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- Abraham didn’t explain everything. He pointed Isaac to God: **“God himself will provide.”**
- This is a big spiritual maturity moment: trusting God with what you cannot explain.
- Ask: *Do you demand clarity before obedience?*
- Ask: *Do you trust God’s character even when you don’t understand His plan?*

5. The message said: “If we rush to the ram, we’ll miss everything God provided along the way.” What are some ways God has provided for you that you overlook?

Leader prompts them to go beyond money.

Leader Prompts / Helps:

Encourage categories:

- protection
- timing
- open/closed doors
- parents / mentors / friends
- correction / conviction
- a “way out” of temptation
- strength to endure
- the Word of God
- the Spirit of God
- the church family
- a job at the right time
- healing from past wounds

Follow-up prompt:

What would change in your daily attitude if you noticed God’s “small provisions” more often?

6. The gospel comparison is stunning: Isaac is spared, but Jesus is not. How does that reshape the way you view God’s love and provision?

Read: **Romans 8:32 (NIV)**

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Leader Prompts / Helps:

- God’s greatest provision isn’t stuff—it’s salvation.
- If God gave His Son, He isn’t withholding love from us.
- Ask: *Do you live like God is generous or like God is reluctant?*
- Ask: *Are you more focused on what God hasn’t done... than what God has already done?*

Personal reflection angle:

Where have you been interpreting God's silence as absence, instead of preparation?

4) Closing Challenge (Read This to the Group)

Mount Moriah reminds us that God is not distant, cruel, or unpredictable—He is **Jehovah Jireh**, the God who provides. And often, His greatest provisions are not the dramatic “ram in the thicket” moments, but the quiet, steady ways He carries us up the mountain one step at a time.

This week, don't just ask God to provide what you want next—pause and reflect on what He has already provided: salvation, strength, direction, protection, people, timing, and grace.

Some of us need to thank Him.

Some of us need to trust Him.

And some of us need to receive His greatest provision—Jesus.

So, let's live this week not like spiritual orphans scrambling for control...but like beloved children who know their Father will provide.

“On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” (Genesis 22:14, NIV)

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