

## [Primary Text: Genesis 22]

### PRAY

**Pause. Acknowledge that you are about to open God's word.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

### WARM-UP (10 mins)

**Prepare our minds to receive God's word.**

- LG Foundations (on back page): What did you learn from the foundations course for last week (topic: "Prayer")?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

### ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

**Open your Bibles to the primary text. If you do not have a Bible, your leader can provide one.**

- Let's read through chapter 22 to refresh our memories.
- God does not tempt anyone to do evil, but in verse 1 God tests the genuineness of Abraham's obedience. Why would God do this?
- Child sacrifice was prevalent among the pagan people of Abraham's day to appease the gods. How does this story contrast that of the pagan people/pagan gods?
- Why does the text emphasize multiple times that Isaac was Abraham's only son? Was this Abraham's only son? What do you think was the reasoning for this clarification?
- What does verse 5 reveal? What does it say about Abraham's faith?
- Identify the parallels of this story and the story of Easter in Jesus Christ. In the...Sacrifice (v.13), Covenant Promise (v.18), etc.?
- As a contemporary people, what can we gain from this ancient text? What is God saying to us through His word?
- Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter. These are words that are used in church often, but can you explain them to someone else who doesn't know Jesus? Let's talk through it together. Where can we find these stories in the Bible?

### PRAY

**Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight's conversation lead you to pray for?**

# LGFoundations |

Study to show thyself approved, rightly dividing the word of truth. – 2 Timothy 2:15

Over the next year we will be guided through a series of 30 topics that will challenge us to not only know what we believe but will help us to internalize and verbalize our beliefs. Knowing God's word takes training (1 Tim 4:6-9). **Let us train to know God and make Him known.** Welcome to LG Foundations.

## Topic 14: Personal Testimony

{ Why should Christians have a personal testimony? Isn't saying that I am a Christian enough? Are there examples of testimonies in the Bible? }

### GUIDE:

Luke 8:38-19 –

Acts 26:1-23 –

John 9:25 –

1 John 1:3

Now that you have been reminded of what God's word says, try answering the topic question again with the paper flipped over. Try to include at least one Bible reference. Repeat this process as if you are teaching someone else. Practice teaching it to a friend or family member.