

2008-09 BSP#7 Group Time Discussion

L – Low, M – Medium, and H – High, indicate the difficulty of a question. Group leaders should select questions that are challenging to their groups but not so difficult that their group members cannot answer.

(A) **“He Opened to Us the Scriptures”** - Questions for scriptural reading and discussion
(Time available: 10 minutes. Do at least 2 questions.)

1. [L] It appears God’s order to Abraham in Genesis 22:1-3 came to him in the night. It must have been a long night for Abraham. If you were Abraham, what were thoughts that would have crossed your mind in that long night?
2. [M] Given what Abraham did following God’s order, what do you think were the thoughts that crossed his mind that night?
3. [M] In Gen 23:11, Ephron offered to give the burial ground to Abraham for free. How sincere was Ephron? (Hint: Read what he said in verse 15. As a comparison, Jeremiah paid 17 shekels for a field (Jer 32:7), Omri paid 6,000 shekels for the entire area on which Samaria was built (1 Kings 16:24))

(B) **“Did Not Our Hearts Burn?”** – Question for meditation, sharing and prayer.
(Suggested time: 15 minutes)

Sometimes when we read about God asking Abraham to offer up Isaac, we get fearful of what God might ask of us. We shudder to think of being put through such a frightening test. Has that happened to you during this lesson? Is there anything you have learned about Abraham’s ordeal that will help you to follow his example, who kept his eyes fixed on God and held nothing back?

Suggestion: Read Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Cor 10:13.