

Puzzle Room Bible Study

Hello Students,

How's the Great American Sleepover going? My daughter, Ana, and son-in-law, Joel, flew in from Boston two weeks ago. They have been here since the situation has deteriorated on the East Coast and both of them are working remotely. Joel is a seminary student. He and I decided to do a study on Genesis 22 as it parallels to the Easter story. If you would like to join us individually, with your family, or remotely with a friend, here is a method to study Scripture.

1. Read Genesis 22
2. Do the Hero Bible Study Methods OPA method (not the entire document).
3. Make your own observations. An example of verse one is listed below:

Sometime later God tested Abraham.

- Faith in the Old Testament is always tested
- The test is: Will Abraham trust God with his son?

He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

- When God calls people by name, pay attention.
- God is going to do something significant through that person:
 - Moses (Exodus 3:4)- delivered God's people
 - Samuel (1 Sam. 3:4)- anointed David; inaugurated the Golden Age of Israel
 - Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8)- prophesied about Jesus' coming
 - Saul/ Paul (Acts 9:4)- brought the Gospel to Gentiles (people that aren't Jewish)

"Here I am," he replied.

- When God calls Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Paul, and Abraham by their names, they always respond with, "Here I am."
- In Hebrew, the meaning is closer to, "I am attentively listening."
- God has their attention, does he have yours?

4. Watch the videos that Joel and I have made about Genesis 22 (More will be coming leading up to Easter. Please be gracious towards our technological challenges.)

Feel free to email any questions you have? Miss you and love you and be nice to your parents... this is a stressful time for all,

~ Pastor Val