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Genesis 16 & 17 - Questions

Chapter 16

- 1. (:1-4) Who, What, When & Where?
- 2. (:4-6) What do you think of Abraham's actions here?
 - Was Abraham showing little faith...or was he just doing the best he could with the knowledge he had?
 - Had Abraham ever been told "only Sarah"?
 - Had he ever had any hints? (ch. 12?)
 - What had Abraham suggested in ch 15 as a possible solution to their problem?
 - Should Abraham have agreed to Sarah's plan?
 - Should he have allowed Sarah to abuse Hagar?
 - What mistake do both Abraham and Sarah share?
- 3. (:7-10) We know from reading on in Genesis that the child of Hagar was not the son God had promised Abraham. In fact, the son of Hagar would turn out to be an enemy of the promised son. Why, then, was the angel of the LORD protecting Hagar?
- 4. (:11-12) What is the angel's prophecy about the child Hagar will bear?
- 5. (:13-16) How would you describe Hagar's understanding of the One, True God? Do you think she had faith in God?

Chapter 17

- 6. (17:1-2) How long did Abraham wait after the birth of Ishmael before God spoke to him again?
- 7. (:3-5) What was the significance of this change of name?

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- 8. (:6-14) Is anything different about this renewal of God's covenant with Abraham? It has been said that "God has no grandchildren". What does that mean...and how does this covenant prove that?
- 9. (:15-22) God specifically tells Abraham that Sarah will be the mother of the promised son. Why does God specifically want Sarah, and no one else?
- 10. (:23-27) What did Abraham do in response to God's words to him?

Waiting on God is sometimes so difficult - but the end result is always hope.

The result of waiting: Isaiah 40:31

Psalm 40:1-3

Why does God wait? Isaiah 30:18

II Peter 3: 8,9

What to do when it seems God is waiting?

Luke 18:1-8

II Peter 3: 11,12

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (memorize this)