

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – The Lord’s Faithful Providence

Focus

As Abraham’s life comes to an end, the Lord in His divine providence faithfully provides for Isaac, the one through whom He will now carry His covenant promises forward.

Read

[Genesis 22:20-25:11](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What’s the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section?
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday’s sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you’d like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

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1. Sunday's sermon focused on the providence of God in this passage. What is the providence of God?
2. What does Romans 8:28 (as well as verses 29-30) teach about the providence of God?
3. In what way does rightly understanding God's providence give us hope both now and for the future?
4. Looking at this passage in Genesis, how do we see God providentially ordering things so as to secure the fulfillment of His covenant promises in the future?
5. What's the connection between God's providence and God's covenant steadfast love? Why is that important?
6. What's the connection between God's providence and prayer? How does it lead you to pray?
7. There are some wonderful responses to God's clear providence in chapter 24 – worshipping God, joyfully telling others about His providence. Can you think of some ways you've clearly seen God providentially at work in response to your prayers? How did you respond?
8. How can we help each other when we don't always clearly see and understand God's providence in our lives, or when His providence seems hard?
9. How does this passage – particularly chapter 24 – help illustrate for you the truth of the gospel (particularly when studied along with John 4)?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

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1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?