When 'Walking with God' Gets Complicated
Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part altogether, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. When going on a long road trip, what's your favorite snack to have in the car?

2. What's one class in high school or college that was difficult for you to pass?

Read the following passages: Genesis 22:1-19.

God promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations and yet Abraham had waited his whole life for a son. Now, nearing the end of his life, Abraham experiences an enormous test which puts all of his future hopes and dreams on the line. As Abraham, in faith, moves in the direction that God is calling him to go we see that God had something else in mind all along and that this episode was merely a test. Though most of us won't face a test as severe as this one, we all are forced to navigate our doubts and fears while striving to faithfully trust and follow the Lord.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. As you have gotten older how have your hopes, dreams, and fears changed? What does it look like for you to trust God in this season of your life?

2. What is one area of your life where you are feeling "testing" currently? What does it look like for you to persevere and not grow weary (James 1:2-3, Galatians 6:9)?

3. Where in your life have you experienced God's blessing because of your obedience? Is there an area where God is calling you to obey currently that you find uncomfortable, but where you know you need to take action?

4. Read Hebrews 11:17-19. How did Abraham's perspective and attitude influence the way that he handled such a difficult situation?

5. Have you made a decision to trust in the sacrifice that was made for you on the cross by Jesus Christ? If so, where do you see the benefit of this in your life?

6. Read Philippians 2:5-8. Through understanding the incarnation of God in Christ how can you see both the power of God and the gentleness of God?

Pray