SMALL GROUP GUIDE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

INTRO

Optional discussion starter: What's the most ridiculous thing you've ever been asked to do? Did you do it?

READ

Genesis 22:1-18

DISCUSSION

1. Begin by getting some general responses to the message/passage.

2. What stands out to you or unsettles you most about the Abraham and Isaac story? Pastor Dustin said many people read it as a call to "blind faith," meaning no matter what God asks, just do it. Have you ever heard it taught that way? What's the danger in that reading?

3. What do you notice about Abraham's response to God's request (v. 3), what he tells his servants (v. 5), and what he tells Isaac (v. 8)? Abraham argued with God over Sodom in Genesis 18, so why do you think he doesn't argue here?

4. Isaac wasn't just Abraham's beloved son but the promised son, the one through whom "all nations on earth will be blessed" (v. 18). Why does that make God's request so costly? How does Hebrews 11:17-19, which says Abraham "reasoned that God could even raise the dead," change the way you read verses 5 and 8?

5. Pastor Dustin's sermon warns about two ways to get this story wrong: seeing God as only just or only loving. Which error are you more tempted toward, and what does it look like in your daily life? How does the cross hold God's justice and love together?

6. Where has life thrown you a "curveball," such as a diagnosis, a loss, or an unexpected turn? Where are you facing something right now that you don't understand? How could Romans 8:32 and the cross help you keep moving forward in trust rather than fear?

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