

# Three Amigos

Genesis 16:1-16

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1. When was the last time you asked yourself, "What was I thinking?" How did you get yourself into that situation?

# The Proposal 16:1,2a

- 2. What problem did Abram think he had? Was this really a problem or not?
- 3. What was the problem with Sarai's proposal?
- 4. How did Abram get himself (and everyone else) into trouble by going along with Sarai's proposal? What could he have done differently?

#### The Conflict 16:2b-6

- 5. In what ways can you relate to the conflict this family was experiencing?
- 6. What do you think of Sarai's solution of forcing Hagar out?
- 7. How have you seen Sarai's solution mirrored in our society today?

# The Provision of God's grace 16:7-14

- 8. In what ways is God's grace demonstrated towards Hagar? Towards Ishamel? Towards Abram? Towards Sarai?
- What does Jesus' involvement in this account demonstrate to you about the character of God?
- 10. How might the provision of God's grace in this account encourage you in the various situations you find yourself in?

### The Patriarch 16:15,16

11. Ultimately, after all the conflict and confusion in this account, we are brought back to Abram. What does that tell you about God?

## Processing all that...

- 12. What does Psalm 119:105 tell you about the role of God's word in the day to day living of your life?
- 13. These days, what does it look for you to be allowing God's word (the Bible) to illuminate your steps as you follow God through life?
- 14. Jesus tells you that apart from Him you can do nothing (John 15:5). What does He mean by this?
- 15. These days, what does it look like for you to "abide" in Jesus (the Word of God made flesh John 1:14)?

## **Extra Credit**

- 16. How can you know when you are following God's word verses getting ahead of God by following your own whit, wisdom, and working?
- 17. How can we as a group help each other to follow Jesus step-by-step through life?