

Sermon Questions for Life Groups
THE LORD WILL PROVIDE: Genesis 22:14

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These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions or family or personal devotions

1. Pastor John mentioned a few of the 365 different names for God in the Bible. Look up the following verses and share what the name of God is from each verse: Genesis 14:19, Genesis 17:1, Genesis 22:14. Discuss some of the other names given to God in Scripture and what they reveal about God's character.
2. Why would God give us so many names by which we can describe Him? By what name do you address Him?
3. If you had been Abraham, what would have been going through your mind and heart as you trudged up the hill to sacrifice Isaac ? (See Heb 11)
4. Can you find illustrations in the Old Testament of how God provided for His children?
5. Share some New Testament examples of how God provided for His children? Is there one in particular that stands out for you?
6. The theme of Jehovah-Jireh extends into the New Testament. Please read Matthew 6:34, Philippians 4:19 and Romans 8:32.
 - a) Reflect on the willingness of God to sacrifice His only Son. What does that reveal to you about our worth or status before God.
 - b) Why does God so highly value His people?
7. In Genesis 22 God is revealed as the God who tests (vs. 1) and the God who provides (vs.8, 14). How do these two truths interact and relate with each other? In your own experience recount an incident in which God's testing of you coincided with God's provision for you.
8. When we are stressed or worried what does this say about our relationship with God and our understanding of Him and His provision for us?
9. Remember that the Lord provided for Abraham once he responded in obedience to God. Read the following verses: Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:5-11; Philippians 4:18-19. What promises are given here about our obedience in stewardship?

10. The phrase "The Lord will provide" (vs. 8, 13-14) has become part of the church's heritage and missionary experience in the world. What does this tell us about our salvation? Consider Romans 8:32 in light of this phrase. What does this tell us about all our needs in life?

11. Pastor John cited a couple examples of notable persons in church history who were renowned for their reliance on God's provision for their ministry. Think of examples of people today that you are aware of who are recognized as being reliant on God's provision and blessing of their ministry.

12. Spend some time considering what Jehovah-Jireh does for you:

- a) when tested?
- b) when facing challenges?
- c) when worried?
- d) when consumed by money concerns?
- e) in the matter of generosity?
- f) in gratitude for your salvation?

13. Several of our founding members shared stories of God's provision in the early days of West Highland. Review these events, and consider our current project to expand our facilities and reach out to the community around us. What are the possible means the Lord will or may use in providing for us in this large endeavour?