Week 7

Key Scripture

Genesis 21:8-21

What Do You Think?

- 1. Have you ever had an experience like Hagar of being 'cancelled' by someone?
- 2. Have you ever had to be a 'Sarah' where you had to send someone out of your life?
- 3. In this story we talked about redemption what is redemption and how do Ishmael and Hagar get redeemed?
- 4. Why do you think that God seems to always go after the sinner who is far from him? What is it about God that makes Him like that?

So Now What?

- 1. So if we can't cancel the people who disappoint us or hurt us, what do we do with people in our lives that we need distance from?
- 2. What do we do if we know we should forgive someone but we just don't want to?
- 3. There are some people who have abused us in our lives and so we needed to put distance between us and them. This is a healthy way of keeping abuse from returning. However, all of us are guilty at some point of writing someone off for not-so-healthy reasons. Take turns sharing a person that you have purposefully cut out of your life and whether you have a plan for redeeming that relationship.

Prayer

Pray that God can work in our lives to help us redeem relationships.

Go Deeper

A great refresher for how to build healthy relationships is the series "Winning at Relationships" on our website at: <u>LCBCchurch.com</u>