

“The God Who sees me”



Sunday 5th May 2024

For Home Groups or personal time

Foundational Bible Passage - GENESIS 16 - verse 13 is key

1/. A basic human need in every one of us, shy or bold, is to be seen - to be recognised, to be known and so on. Not to be overlooked, or passed by. Not to be invisible.

Hagar was least likely to be seen and was powerless. She was a slave. Then in the desert she gives God a Name “*You are The God Who Sees me*” Her identity and personhood is changed - she is no longer a slave in her identity. God calls her by name - Abram and Sarai did not.

Can you see in your own life how Jesus has brought you from slavery to freedom?

Can you describe times when you have felt ‘seen’ by God and other people? How about times when you have felt unseen or not included?

2/. In verse 8 God asks 2 key questions - “Hagar, where have you come from and where are you going?”

Hagar could only answer the first. Can we answer both?

When God asks questions, is He seeking information from us?

Can you find other Bible passages where God asks questions. There are many - first one is Genesis 3 verse 9

3/. Genesis 16 needs to be seen in light of Genesis 15. Why is Genesis 15 verse 6 such a key verse in the whole of the OT?

God speaks to Abram by looking at the stars in the sky. Has He ever spoken to you through the things seen around us - creation, nature or even man made things?

4/. How are the effects of Sarai’s impatience and Abram’s prayerlessness still seen today?

HOW WONDERFUL - Abram, Sarai and Hagar all fail, yet God doesn’t wash His hands of them. HOW WONDERFUL FOR US TOO !!!

You Tube video “The God Who Sees”
by Kathie Lee Gifford and Nicola Mullen
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sz81dlfwf4Y&list=RDsz81dlfwf4Y&start_radio=1

