

## Week 6: Consequences & Promise

God's promise is for his presence to be with us and his redemption to be at work in our lives. Sarah's story in Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-7 is a clear reminder that, while we live outside of Eden, God has not abandoned that promise. Our difficulties and pains in this life are exactly the places that God wants to visit and redeem. Jesus is the ultimate Son of the promise who drew near to us and redeemed us in his incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Read Genesis 18:1-15 & 21:1-7
- 2. Where are you struggling in the difficulty outside of Eden? Perhaps in the tension of what you long for that God has not granted you.
- 3. How might the Lord be visiting you and redeeming the difficulty? If you cannot see those realities, what could you do to engage with God and share your heart or burdens with him? How can your close community of believers support you and walk alongside you?
- 4. Where are you experiencing the laughter of joy because of what God has brought about in your life?
- 5. How can we walk with those feeling the disbelief of living outside of Eden and with those who share in joy and laughter like Sarah?