



## The Next Level - Testing... Testing!

You have a big test. It will make up the majority of your grade. You have 1 week to prepare. Do you:

1. Procrastinate and cram the night before.
2. Cheat
3. Pay some Hollywood Celebrity to rig the test for you.
4. Review your notes and just take it because you have been studying all along.

Read: Genesis 21:1-5

Abraham and Sarah finally got thier promise from God, the son they always wanted, and they named him Isaac, meaning to laugh. What has been, or will be, your response when God finally gives you what you have been praying for? (Feel free to act it out!)

The promise and the purpose are tied together. They are given for *our* benefit and *His* glory. How does our walking in purpose and receiving the promise benefit God? (try and find at least 5 things)

Read: Genesis 22:1-18, James 1:2-4, Romans 8:18-19, Romans 8:28

Is God's testing more for us, or for Him? Why?

When we go through the test we tend to get closer to the Teacher. How have you drawn closer to God through the tests you have faced?

"The good news for us, is that all of God's tests are always open Book."  
-Bil Cornelius

How does knowing the promises found in God's Word help us during the test?

How does God giving us tests demonstrate love for us?

The way we handle the test teaches our children how they will handle the test. How can you tell that Abraham modeled a life of faith for Isaac in this story?

What are the traps we fall into in parenting that keep us from modeling a life of deep faith to our children?

Do you think Abraham would have ever developed such maturity in his faith without facing all the tests in his past?

Divide the group into men's and women's groups to pray.

What test are you currently facing that you would like the group to pray for?

As you pray for each other, please pray for: Our Big Give Day April 7, 2019, Good weather for the EGGStravaganza, that God would allow us to see many lives turn to Jesus at Easter.