

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 2

- 1. What does God promise to do through Ishmael? Why?**
- 2. In your opinion, why do you think God would command Abraham to sacrifice Isaac? How do you feel after reading this account?**
- 3. Who are Esau and Jacob?**
- 4. What is the significance of Jacob's dream in Genesis 28?**
- 5. Who is the mysterious "man" Jacob wrestles with in Genesis 32:22-32? What is the significance of this event?**
- 6. Genesis 34 has been labeled a "text of terror" by many Old Testament scholars because of its depiction of sexual violence and vengeance. Why do you think this story was included in the Bible? What does it say to us about human beings? Where is God in the midst of this story?**
- 7. Who does Jesus heal in Matthew 8-9? What do the healing stories tell us about Jesus?**
- 8. Who are the twelve apostles/disciples according to Matthew? What is their mission? What does it mean to be a disciple?**