



series

Who is God? The answers to this most basic human question can be found in the Scriptures. Over and over, God comes to humanity, interacts with us in ways we can understand, and we learn more of who God is. Often in these interactions, the people who met God would give God a name - a way to describe how God had worked in their lives. As we explore these stories, we'll learn that God is the same God for us today. God is our provider, our shepherd, our banner, our peace, our mother, and more!

today

Religious systems can often become ways for us to try to earn God's favor. Abraham's encounter with Yahweh, when he is asked to sacrifice Isaac. In this encounter, Abraham learns that Yahweh is fundamentally different from other gods, that Yahweh doesn't need us. When we understand that Yahweh is Yireh - the Provider, then we are free to serve God to know him better, to find the joy of obedience that leads to a deeper knowledge of and love for God.

scripture for further reading

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 50:7-23; Acts 17:22-34; Galatians 3:24

discussion questions

1. Have you ever felt like you had to earn God's love?
2. Where does that sense quid-pro-quo spirituality come from?
3. Abraham calls God "Provider". What is wrapped up in that name?
4. What does it look like for you to call God "Provider"?
5. How can you trust God to provide this week?

