

***RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES***  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
**The God who makes promises**

1. Do you find it more difficult to trust God in some situations than others? What is it about these situations that make it hard to trust God?

**God makes promises ~ Read Genesis 12:1-3**

2. What is the significance of the word 'bless'? How is it an answer to what we have seen in Genesis 3?
3. What does God promise Abram in Genes 12:1-3 & v7?

**God makes covenants ~ Read Genesis 15**

4. What is a covenant? Can you think of any examples of where covenants are still used today?
5. If God has already promised – why does he then make a covenant? What does this reveal about God's knowledge of us and attitude towards us?

**God restates his covenant promises ~ Read Genesis 17**

6. Abram took a concubine, Hagar, with whom he had a son Ishmael. Does it surprise you that this hero of Scripture acted in this way? Why / Why not?
7. What has God promised here that he will give to Abraham and what he will do through his heir?

**Read Genesis 22:1-14**

8. What is the impossible dilemma for Abraham? How does he resolve it? Hebrews 11:17-19. What does this episode reveal that God wants from us?
9. How does this episode help prepare you about how you will respond to your own doubts or crises of faith?

**Questions for reflection**

10. Are there areas in your life you are not trusting God? What is stopping you? What would help you to build your life on the promises of God, confident that he knows how to keep them?
11. 'There is nothing new under the sun' & 'no temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man' (1 Cor 10:13). How does the great crowd of witnesses in Hebrews 11, strengthen us in standing upon the promises of God? What other things can you do, for yourself and others that will strengthen the conviction that God makes promises and he knows how to keep them?