

SPRING IN THE DESERT MINISTRIES

Encountering God: Lessons from Hagar's Story – Worksheet #4

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Focus: Sarai to Sarah: Barren to Blessed – Let God Upgrade U

How is Sarai (“noble woman”) described in Genesis 11:30? What other words come to mind when you think of Sarai?

What is Sarai's new identity in Genesis 12:12? What words come to mind when you think of her new identity?

Sarai experiences a crisis in Genesis 16? How does she respond? What is the portrait that you have developed of Sarai to this point in her life?

In Genesis 17:15-16, God speaks to Abraham about his plan for Sarai. How does Abram respond to this news (verses 17-18) about Sarah (“princess,” “mother of many nations”)?

Read Genesis 18:1-15. How does Sarah respond to the news she receives from the heavenly visitors?

Read Genesis 21:1-10. How is Sarah's laughter this time the same or different from her laughter above (Genesis 18)? How is her response to the crisis in verse 9 the same or different from her response to the crisis in Genesis 16?

What title would you choose for this lesson?