Question: What has been the greatest trial of your life so far?

Hebrews 11:13-16

Romans 4:17-24a (AVB)

Hebrews 11:17-21

Test in Greek is peirazo: ________________________________

Test in Hebrew is nacah: ________________________________

“Right smack dab in the middle of our suffering, Jesus tilts our chin, asks for our trust, and invites us to hope for the impossible.” – Susie Larson
“ISAAC and ISHMAEL: The Spirit and The Flesh:

In Galatians 4:28-29, Paul makes it clear that Ishmael represents the believer’s first birth (the flesh) and Isaac represents the second birth (the Spirit). Ishmael was “born of the flesh” because Abraham had not yet “died” and was still able to have a son (Gen.16). Isaac was “born of the Spirit” because by that time his parents were both “as good as dead” and only God’s power could have brought conception and birth. Ishmael was born first, because the natural comes before the spiritual (1 Cor. 15:46).”

- Warren Wiersebe, biblegateway resources

Jeremiah 31:34b (NIV) For I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more.

Abraham
   Isaac/Ishmael
   Jacob
   Joseph

Genesis 37:28 (NKJV) Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt

Worship in Greek is proskuneo: ________________________________
Further Study:

Please note two things about Further Study this week:

- Day 1 will always have the reading assignment from *How to Study Your Bible* so of course you always want to start there but the daily assignments beyond that are the same as last week until you get to Days 11-14. So, following Day 1, if you did all of Further Study last week, you’ll want to skip to Day 11 otherwise you can start with Day 2 or wherever you left off.

- Next week we will have time for questions and table discussion about our inductive discoveries! Please come ready with questions you may have and, if you have been participating in the inductive study this semester, something to share with the women at your table if you feel comfortable doing so.

Day 1

- Read pages 81-100 and 165-192 in *How to Study Your Bible*.

Day 2-6

- Read and study Hebrews 11:8-21
  - Take several days to read, reread, and mark key words in these verses on your observation sheets. These verses cover 2 lessons, but since they deal with the same family (Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac) it’s important to read the verses together before breaking them apart.
  - Mark any words you wish to revisit later.

Day 7

- Reread these verses and finish marking your observation sheets if you have not already done so.

- Look at these scriptures in context by doing the following:
  - Read Genesis 10-11 to discover Abram’s (note the name difference!) family history. Trace his family line back as far as you can through these verses.
  - Read Genesis 12:1-7 and 13:14-18. What did God promise to Abram? What did God ask Abram to leave/give up?
Day 8

- Spend some time studying Hebrews 11:10
  
  - Use a concordance or expository dictionary to dig into this verse with word study. Start with “was looking”, “city”, “foundations”, and “builder” if you aren’t sure how/where to begin. Then consider this verse in light of anything you learn from the original text.
  
  - Use the following verses for cross-referencing:
    Hebrews 11:16, 12:22, 13:14
    Revelation 21:14

Day 9-10

- Hebrews 11:13-16 is perfect for practicing your cross-references. Looking at these themes (trusting in God’s promises, the place prepared for us, etc) in other places in scripture reminds us that we are part of God’s promise to Abraham and co-heirs of the promised inheritance through Christ! Here are some great verses for cross-referencing and consider looking for others.
  
  - Hebrews 11:13
  - Psalm 39:12
  - Matthew 13:17
  - John 8:56-58
  - Ephesians 2:19
  - Hebrews 11:16
  - Mark 8:38
  - Hebrews 2:11
  - John 14:2
  - 1 Corinthians 2:9, 13:12
  - 2 Peter 13:3

Day 11-14

Study Hebrews 11:17-19 by again using the resources and methods we have talked about this semester (marking your Observation Sheets, word study, cross referencing, etc.) to see what else the Father has for you to see and understand in this incredible story of faith and sacrifice.

Jot down a question you may still have about the inductive method and be prepared to share one thing with that you have learned so far.