**“SARAH, Mother of Nations!”**

**(Genesis 12-21)**

**Today we will consider the life of a woman who went from being barren**

**to being the mother of innumerable descendants! Sarah, Abraham’s wife, is highly esteemed in God’s Word, which shows her life to be. . .**

**Surrendered** (Genesis 12:1-5)

**Anxious**(Genesis 16:1-5)

**Royalty** (Genesis 17:15-16, 19, 21)

**Attractive** (Genesis 20:2; cf. 12:11-13; 1 Peter 3:4-6)

**Honored** (Genesis 21:2, 5-7; Hebrews 11:11)

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 **Small Group Discussion Guide**

***Icebreaker: Share a good memory of your mother, or something you***

***appreciate about your mother.***

**1. While Genesis 12:1-5 concerns God speaking to Abraham, how did**

 **Sarah demonstrate that she was surrendered to the Lord’s plan &**

 **purpose? What must a Christian do to fully surrender his life to the**

 **Lord?**

**2. After waiting on God for 10 years, Sarah takes matters into her**

 **own hands in Genesis16:1-5. If you were in Sarah’s shoes at age**

 **75 with no baby, how do you think you would have handled it?**

 **Why is it sometimes so hard for us to wait on God’s timing for good**

 **things that we desire?**

**3. 1 Peter 3:1-6 points us to Sarah’s inner beauty. What does true**

 **inner beauty look like in the lives of God’s people? Who is someone**

 **in your experience that is (or has been) a testimony of God’s**

 **beauty to you?**

**4. Why is Sarah honored in the Hebrews 11 “hall of faith”? (See**

 **11:11) As you reflect on Sarah’s life, what “faith lesson” does God**

 **want you to learn?**

**Small Group Prayer Time**

**Make a list of the mom’s in our church who still have children in the home. Brainstorm this together as a group while someone records their names. Pray for each mom (and child) by name during the small group prayer time.**

**Digging Deeper**

**Compare Genesis 21:9-12 with Galatians 4:22-31. What can we learn from these passages on the casting out of Hagar? Application for you?**

**For more on Sarah’s life, read *“The Woman Who Became Mother of Nations”* at** <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/all-women-bible/Sarah-Sarai-Sara> **It is from Herbert Lockyer’s classic book “All the Women of the Bible.”**