

## LESSON 26

# Sarah and Abimelech

*Genesis 20:1-18*

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### WELCOME

A Time for **Assembly**

*Introduction* to gather together through an ice breaker (10 minutes)

To start: Share briefly a mistake that you had recently committed, and you remembered that you had committed that same mistake before.

### WORSHIP

A Time for **Adoration**

*Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading of Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

*Trust and Obey*, by John H. Sammis (page 60)

*I Will Run to You*, by Darlene Zschech (page 55)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 20:1-18

### WORD

A Time for **Admonition**

*Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. What act of deception did Abraham commit, putting Sarah in jeopardy (20:1-2)? Read Genesis 12:14-19.
2. What reasons did Abraham give for deceiving Abimelech to think that Sarah was not his wife (20:10-13)?
3. Abraham had committed the sin of deception again. What would account for this sinful tendency in Abraham?
4. How did God bring Abraham to realize his sin (20:9-10)?
5. How did God respond to Abraham's sin (20:8-13)?
6. How did Abimelech respond after finding out Abraham's deception

(20:14-16)?

7. Does God's response to Abraham's sin give us a license to sin? Read Romans 4:13,22-25.

## WALK

A Time for **Accountability**

*Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern) (about 35 minutes)

1. How can we keep ourselves from committing again a particular sin that we have repented of before? Read Hebrews 12:1.
2. Identify individuals in business and government that you will pray for, that they may demonstrate righteousness and integrity.
3. How can the group pray for you? Share now your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and/or specific actions to be done in obedience to God's Word. As you intercede for each other, pray also for others outside the group who need to know Jesus.