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UNDERSTOOD: GENESIS 16

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God understands our ...

CAPACITY

How much we can take!

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS

FUTURE

Where we're going!

God understands our ...

PAST

Where we've been

CLOSING COMMENTS



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Go Deep Study Guide

Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read **Genesis 16**. Try comparing two different translations.

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned from the sermon? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

Was the historical background information helpful? How so?

What speaks to you the most from Hagar's story? Why?

Describe a time in your life when God used your need to drive you to a deeper relationship with Him. What happened? How did God use it?

Talk about the danger of taking our lead from what is culturally acceptable (lawful) vs. from the standard of God's Word/Truth. What are examples of this in our passage?

If God asked you, "*Where have you come from, and where are you going?*" What would your response be? Why was "*running away*" not what God wanted for Hagar?

Discuss as a group when it's appropriate (advisable) to get out of a situation.

How does last week's lesson assure us that God *knows* our past, that He understands/gets us?

What is your take on the tension between Sarai & Hagar? In your opinion, what's going on?

What does **Romans 13:1-2** teach us about submitting to authority? Are there exceptions to this? Discuss

What lessons do we learn from **Job 23:10** & **1 Corinthians 10:13**? What about us do these Scriptures help us to know that God understands?

As we trust God with our future, what can we learn from **Galatians 4:22-23** & **Philippians 1:6**? How does waiting/patience figure into this?

Application

What aspect of your life do you need to trust that God understands, that He fully gets? How will you trust Him with this?

Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff.

