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For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

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SERMON GUIDE

LAUGHING PARENTS AND THE PROMISES OF GOD

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever been cynical about something and discovered later that you were wrong? What happened?

Read Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** In verses 9-12, Sarah laughs at God's promise. She is laughing again in 21:1-7, but for very different reasons. Why do you think her laughter is so different? What is God teaching her?
- O** Look at the way Sarah talks about herself in 18:12 and then in 21:6-7. How has her outlook changed? Why do you think she sees herself, others and God so differently? What has God been teaching her?
- O** What does verse 14 teach us about God's power and His ability to fulfill His promises?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Do you ever feel "worn out" and weary waiting for the promises of God? Is there any promise God has made that feels particularly impossible to you right now? Does Sarah's story convict, challenge or comfort you? Why?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.