



# GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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1. Review Gospel Appointment documents and distribute people to follow-up with from planning center.
2. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SOMA!!** – Sunday we turn 4 years old!! Who doesn't love a good picnic? Come out Sunday August 25th for worship, food, and fellowship. We begin by worshipping together at 11a. After worship we flow downstairs and outside for food, fellowship, and fun. Basically, we hang out and play, or watch others play, spend time catching up, eat great food, and of course we love inviting friends and family. Afterwards we will have a short Covenant Members meeting in preparation for the Fall.  
- **Sunday August 25th at 11 AM**
3. **Vision Sunday** – Vision Sunday is a time for us to grab the vision and discover our purpose in the world! If you call Soma home you will not want to miss this Sunday experience.
4. **Planning Center** – **PLEASE** setup your Planning Center account ASAP so we can best communicate with and honor you as our volunteers. Go to [planningcenteronline.com](http://planningcenteronline.com), connect to our church, and sign up for text alerts.
5. **Baptism** - Baptism is a clear command of the Lord Jesus Christ for all believers. This is why it is one of the ordinances of the Christian Church (the Lord's Supper being the other). Believer baptism in water reflects a prior inward cleansing (1 Pet. 3:21) when the person was born again (Jn. 3:3, 5), made a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), and offers an opportunity for this new believer to profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ publicly. If you want to be baptized please go to [somajc.org/membership/baptism/](http://somajc.org/membership/baptism/)  
- **Sunday August 18th during the Sunday gathering**

# QUESTIONS

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## **Genesis 20:1-18**

Man!

What is the deal with Abraham anyway? In this chapter we see him continue to use Sarah and a white lie to skate through life.

And he ends up gaining from it as well!

Do you think he ever realized that his sins affected the lives of the people around him? Consider Abimelech. He is the one that was deceived. And yet HE rewarded ABRAHAM with gifts of wealth and forgiveness! Although his actions of adding to a haram of wives is not acceptable today, he was acting in accordance to cultural norms. His entire kingdom was in serious trouble with God because Abrahams deceitfulness.

But God, in his God way- has shown tremendous forgiveness here.

Once again it is revealed that it was more important for Gods plan for Abraham & Sarah to continue rather than end the story here.

And so, it is with each of us. We continue to sin and fail to see how the lives of people around us might be affected by our sin.

But God- is always there. He corrects our path, and forgives those whom seek him. He's not finished with us yet.

Thank God!

## **READ Genesis 20:1-18**

[Now consider and discuss these six thought provoking questions]-

1. What did you like about the passage you just read?
2. What did you not like about it? What bothered you?
3. What did you not understand about it?
4. What did you learn about God from it?
5. What do you personally need to do about it?
6. What phrase or sentence from this passage would you like to think about this week?