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1. Announcements

a. Married Couples Retreat - It is official, the Rock Marriage Retreat is coming!

- **Who:** Married Couples
- **Where:** La Quinta Resort in Palm Desert
- **When:** July 9-11
- **Cost** - \$250 Per Couple
- **Register Today online, or Sunday at the Married Couples table!!!**
- <http://www.therocksandiego.org/marriageretreat>

b. Come be a part of KidsGames! It's a one-week event at the end of July. We'll be using sports like flag football, basketball, volleyball and soccer, and creative arts such as dance, art, drama and photography to reach out to the unsaved kids in San Diego. Volunteers are needed for the sports team, small group guide team, music team, prayer team, childcare team, and more.

- Introductory Meeting:
- Sunday, 5/23 in Casa Real 12:45-2:30 PM (lunch provided) **or** Sunday, 5/30 in Casa Real 3:30-5 PM.
- Visit the KidsGames booth after church in Ministry Alley or visit the KidsGames website for more information:
- <http://ww3.therocksandiego.org/childrensministry/special/kidsgames/kg.htm>

2. Memory Verse

Genesis 15:6, "And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness".

3. Discussion Questions

***Many people have commented on the quantity of questions lately; you are not required to answer each one. Read through the questions prior to your group meeting and pick questions most applicable to your group. The point is to facilitate discussion...NOT to complete all of the questions.**

- 1) We can see 2 things that can be applied to our lives from Genesis 16:7.
 - a. No matter the situation, God is always faithful to meet us where we are at, and give us guidance. The Angel of the Lord appeared to Hagar as she was in the wilderness, and spoke to her.
 - b. Hagar was employed as the maidservant of Sarai. We read that Hagar was treated harshly, which caused her to run and hide. As Hagar sat in the wilderness, away from her employer, the Angel of the Lord appeared to her and said to go back to Sarai, and submit herself under her hand. We learn from this that the answer is not to run from your problems, but to submit yourself to those in authority.
- 2) **Read:** Hebrews chapter one.
 - a. According to Hebrews 1:4 how is the Son referred to in comparison to the angels?



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- b. According to Hebrews 2:9 how is Jesus referred to in comparison to the angels?
 - i. What is the contextual difference in those two passages?
 - ii. According to 1:8, what title does the Father use of the Son?
 - iii. How long has and will His throne be in existence?
 - iv. Where and what was Jesus doing in eternity past?
 - v. According to Hebrews 1:14, what is the role of created angels?
 - vi. SOUL WINNER, SO WHAT (See Chapter 16 Study Guide - Gospel, Prophecy, Pictures of Christ Section)
 1. What did you learn through this short study that may better equip you to stand against cultists who claim that Jesus is only an angel or is not God?
- 3) How does God communicate with you? How can you tell if it's actually a word from the Lord?
- 4) In Genesis 16, when Sarai offered her maidservant to Abram, why didn't he stand up and say, "Woman, God has promised, He will give us a child so fret not". Either he thought he would help God out, or he was so focused on what he and his wife wanted that appeared to be the quickest and easiest solution. Or maybe because he couldn't SEE the evidence he didn't believe. What can we learn from this experience?
- 5) See Study Guide Chapter 17, Background, Culture and Exegesis for information about the following questions.
 - a. What is unique about the eighth day?
 - b. What is the literal translation of the following names
 - i. Ishmael
 - ii. Isaac
 - iii. Sarah
 - iv. Abraham
 - c. What is the major difference between the Koran and the Bible?
- 6) See Study Guide, Chapter 17 Gospel, Prophecy, Pictures of Christ Section for more information.
 - a. According to Exodus 4:24-26:
 - i. How serious was the "sign of the covenant" to the LORD?
 - ii. What had Moses neglected that his wife preceded to do?
 - iii. According to verse 26b, what did God allow for and why?
 - b. According to Romans 4:10-11:
 - i. When was it that Abraham was *justified*?
 - ii. On *what basis* was he justified?
 - iii. What does the *sign* refer to in verse 4:11? (Read: Romans 2:28,29; Jer. 4:3-4; 9:24-26)
 - iv. Because of the *sign*, what became the *seal* in Romans 4:11?
 - v. How is *that righteousness* obtained? (See Romans 4:11b).
 - c. Who/What is the *overall fulfillment* of the "sign of the covenant" that signified Abraham's faith?



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- d. Read: Eph. 2:11-13; Col. 2:11-17...(what does verse 17 define for us in this text)?
 - e. Soul Winner, So What
 - i. How is it that you are able to see Jesus in what we are learning through the covenantal promises of God in the O.T?
- 7) See Study Guide, Chapter 18 Gospel, Prophecy, Pictures of Christ Section for more information
- a. In Genesis chapter 18, find where the Angel of the Lord:
 - i. Is identified as God
 - ii. Refers to Himself as God
 - iii. Receives worship
 - iv. Speaks with divine authority
 - b. How do created angels respond to those who bow to them in worship?
 - c. See Revelation 19:10, 22:9 why might he have bowed down in such a manner?
 - d. Soul Winner, So What
 - i. In an age in which so many are seeking *spiritual enlightenment* and the talk of *angels* being common and broad, how will you better be able to speak from a biblical position when such conversations arise?
- 8) Consider the following statement: No matter how hard we pray and plead, we will never change God's mind. However when we sincerely pray for not our will but Gods will to be done, our minds may change just as Abraham's prayer changed his. It's easy to misuse prayer by using it to get everything we want. But when we use it the right way, one of the some of the most useful benefits of prayer is it helps us better understand the mind and it gives a God perspective on life.