

Genesis 16

- 1) In what way did Sarai try to help Abram?
 - a. Why did she think that she needed to do this?
 - b. Was her plan consistent and harmonious with God's plan?
 - c. List some of the consequences of Sarai's plan:
 - d. List some ways that people try to help God today:
- 2) How had Abram (Ge. 15) earlier thought to solve the problem of Sarah's barrenness?
- 3) Galatians 4:21-31 contains an allegory that is based upon this story of Sarai and her handmaid.
 - a. What is an "allegory?"
 - b. What point does Paul make in the allegory?
- 4) What did the angel tell Hagar to do?
- 5) Why would Hagar's son be blessed?
- 6) What type of person would Ishmael be? How does Bible and secular history reflect upon Ishmael's character?
 - a. What religion claims to descend from Ishmael?
 - b. Is there anything about this religion that reminds you of the biblical description of Ishmael?
- 7) How old was Abraham when Ishmael was born?