



In this pre-Easter series at MRC we will be considering how the idea of substitution grows through the bible. Like a motif in a piece of classical music that develops into a crescendo, well so substitution does not stay static but expands and crescendos in the cross.

Each week we'll consider a key biblical passage and analyse how they fit into the growing biblical narrative:

- Genesis 22: one sheep for one person
- Exodus 12 one sheep for one family
- Leviticus 16: one sheep for one people
- Isaiah 52-53: one sheep for all peoples
- Romans 12: Now we're all sacrifices...

As we worked through Genesis 22 this week (v1-19) we considered it under 2 headings:

- + **A man of faith who obeys**
- + **A God of love who provides**

Some questions to help your group get going

- Summarise the bible so far... (!) – particularly focus on God's promise to Abram in Gen 12.
- In Gen 22v1-2, what did God ask Abraham to give up? Why?
- How was it then that Abraham was able to trust God? How was his trust seen?
- Read Hebrews 11v17-19 and James 2v21-23 What's going on in these passages? What do they show us about Abraham's faith? When do we find it hard to trust God? Why?
- Sketch some of the ways that this passage points us ahead to Jesus – how is he God's provision for us?