

## **Journey Group Lesson for “Kids Just Need to Be Happy” August 1, 2010**

### **Getting Started (Everyone Answer)**

*What has been your greatest joy in raising children (or helping to raise children)?*

*What has been your greatest heartache in raising children (or helping to raise children)?*

*What is one thing you wish you could give your children that you have not been able to give them?*

*What do you think about the phrase “kids just need to be happy”? Is it true? Why or why not?*

### **Digging Deeper**

*Read Genesis 22:1-11*

*What do you think was going through Abraham’s mind as he prepared to make this offering?*

*Do you think he knew God would eventually save his son? Why or why not?*

*Read verse 7 again. How do you think you would have answered Isaac’s question? How does Abraham answer Isaac’s question?*

*What do you think this passage teaches us about our relationship with our children (or family) and our relationship with God?*

*What else stands out to you in this passage?*

### **Bringing It Home**

*Have you ever been guilty of thinking kids just need to be happy? Explain.*

*What do you think would happen if our children never experienced hurt or heartache?*

*What do you think God’s ultimate desire is for our children?*

*What do you think God’s ultimate desire is for us?*

*What are some changes you need to make to put God first in your life?*

*How can we pray for you in this way?*