



# VALLEY REAL LIFE

Mother's Day | Hagar's Blessing

## Last Week

How did you apply last week's lesson on marriage as a ministry? Who did you share the lesson with?

## Opener

When you think of the ultimate Mom, what words come to mind?

## Questions

What was your first impression upon hearing the story of Mother Uganda? Did you struggle to empathize with her?

Were you surprised by the conversation between the angel and Hagar? What did you find more difficult to understand, the angel's promise to Hagar or the directions he gave Hagar to return?

Hagar's response to God was her thankfulness to being seen. Is that an emotion you can relate to? Do you think moms especially feel this way?

Do you think there is a lesson to learn that the Samaritan woman was the first person Jesus revealed his true identity to and if yes, what could it be?

## **Scripture Discovery:**

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Genesis 16:7-13 (NLT)

*The angel of the LORD found Hagar beside a spring of water in the wilderness, along the road to Shur. The angel said to her, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress, Sarai," she replied. The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her authority." Then he added, "I will give you more descendants than you can count." And the angel also said, "You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael (which means 'God hears'), for the LORD has heard your cry of distress. This son of yours will be a wild man, as untamed as a wild donkey! He will raise his fist against everyone, and everyone will be against him. Yes, he will live in open hostility against all his relatives." Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the LORD, who had spoken to her. She said, "You are the God who sees me." She also said, "Have I truly seen the One who sees me?"*

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray