cteristic of God that Hagar names the

God who sees. When Jesus was walking the earth, he saw those who were downtrodden, among them women who were second class citizens in his society; still, Jesus honored them as equal image-bearers of God as we read in the gospels¹.

Jesus saw

his women disciples, and he honored and respected them.²

Also, it is through Jesus Christ that humankind has access t covenant promises made to Abraham all those years ago. Jesus is the chosen son long awaited for by Israel. No longer do you

Instead, now when you are born in Christ through the Spirit, you are made an heir to the promises made to Abraham.³

different ethnic groups answers the division and separation between the son of Sarah (Isaac) and the son of Hagar (Ishmael). In Christ, there is no more Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female, but you are all made one in Christ Jesus. In Christ, those who come from the

Engage the text as a group:

3. What are some applications?

What was God doing or saying to Sarai/Sarah, Abram/Abraham, or Hagar that God might also be saying to you today?

Where do you see yourself or your life in this passage?

<u>6 tools for interpretation</u>: read through the 6 Tools (if time allows) or take-home and read.

<u>Literary</u>: Genre = narrative; part of the Pentateuch⁵; author = Moses, according to Hebrew tradition; period Pentateuch written: 1446B.C. to 1406B.C.⁶

Historical & Theological:

choosing a particular family to be a blessing to all the families of the earth.

Cultural: In

servant and having children through her if the wife of a family is unable to conceive.



¹ Luke 7:11-18; Luke 7:36-50; Luke 8:40-56;

² Luke 10:38-42- Mary & Martha; John 4:1-30 Samaritan woman at the well;

³ Galatians 3:26-29.

⁴ Galatians 3:28.

⁵ The first 5 books of the Old Testament.

⁶ International Bible Society,

The bigger story: In light of the New Testament, Christians

