

A TRANSFORMATION CHURCH SERIES

SERMON: Yahweh Jireh – The Lord Provides

SUMMARY:

When we read the Bible, we see God described with many different names. These names give us insight into His character. Specifically, God's names describe His redemptive action in human history. Each week of this series we will explore a different name of God as described in Scripture. This week we will focus on the name *Yahweh Jireh*, which translates to The Lord Provides.

This is the name of God revealed when Abraham was preparing to walk in obedience by not withholding his son as a sacrifice (Genesis 22:12-14). Instead, it was God who provided the sacrifice, a foreshadowing of the promise fulfilled in Christ's death. This is the good news that is affirmed in Romans 8:32, "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?" (NIV)

In Christ, God has provided for us. Not for our greeds. But for our needs. All that we need is <u>life</u> and <u>godliness</u> (2 Peter 1:3).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

When reading the story of *Yahweh Jireh*, we are meant to turn our attention from *what* we need to the *One* who provides. He is greater than us and greater than our needs. As the author of Hebrews reminds us, "Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith." Is there something you are aware that you need at this moment?

Read Romans 8:1-2.

From what have you been set free?

When sin tries to steal your attention, how can you practice turning your attention back to your Provider?

Read Ephesians 2:21-22.

What does this verse tell us God has provided? How does the metaphor of a holy dwelling help you to understand your new identity?

Read Galatians 2:20.

What kind of power do you have because of Christ living in you? How might that power be used? When, during your daily rhythms, do you feel powerful or powerless?

Read Matthew 6:33.

What happens when you don't get something that you think you need? What is the Kingdom of God? How do you seek the Kingdom? How does God give you everything you need?

Read Matthew 22:37-40 & 28:18-20.

What is the purpose God has given to you? How is God asking you to fulfill that purpose? Share one specific way you can live out that purpose this week?

End your time in prayer.