CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 Women's History

Dr. Renita Weems's book "Just a Sister Away" compares and contrasts women's relationships in the Bible. Please review and answer questions in the narrative.

1. Dr. Renita Weems wrote numerous books. Can you name at least three of the books she wrote?

Read Genesis 16:1-16

- 2. Who are the two main female characters in the storyline?
- 3. Considering our society's racial and cultural divide, how would you describe the ethnic/racial differences between the two female characters in the storyline?
- 4. Both the handmaiden and Abraham's wife had sexual relations with Abraham, but does that mean their relationship is equal? The situation has created tension and conflict, and finding a resolution is essential. Can you suggest one way to resolve the issue? Are there any indications of a hostile environment between them? Would you say that Abraham is at fault for their dispute?
- 5. What are the concerns about the handmaiden as a surrogate mother to Abraham's wife denouncing the child after birth? Do Christians have a responsibility to provide for the child of a surrogate mother? Find Scriptures to defend your answer.
- 6. Read Genesis 21:17 NIV. Whose voice did God yield to when Hagar was in the wilderness?

Read Luke 1:5-56

- 7. How do you view the relationship between Elizabeth and Mary?
- 8. How does Elizabeth and Mary's relationship differ from Sarah and Hagar?
- 9. How can you control envy, jealousy, and bitterness from filtering over to another person? Share Scriptures for your answers.
- 10. Who is Dr. Renita Weems? Could you share some of her accolades?

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Bonus Exercise: View at least one of Dr. Renita Weems' sermons.

Sermon title: Where? Over There?

https://youtu.be/IOo040NYrOw?si=a-AFKRY2Yh3 CqnV

Sermon title: Hidden Figures

https://youtu.be/7RULHHGWB6M?si=OXot9WkLNDwKGaDD