

Building Faith | Genesis 24 2022 Summer #6- July 3rd, 2022

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) What is one thing from the sermon or worship service that stuck with you this week?
- 2) What answers to prayer (yours or others) have been impactful to you?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Read Genesis Chapter 24, Genesis 17:3-8

- 1) What were Abraham's specific directions to his servant for finding a wife for Isaac? How was Abraham following God's Word?
- 2) What lesson do you learn that is also expressed in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 "Where do I need to show my dependance on your word and apply this principle?"
- 3) The trip would be 430 miles. List some of the challenges and hardships God enabled the servant to overcome?
- 4) What part did prayer play in guiding the servant to a successful mission?
- 5) How are "expectant" and "specific" accurate descriptions of his prayer.
- 6) How did the servant receive further confirmation after the initial answer to prayer? What do you learn from this example?
- 7) How did the servant's testimony about the LORD help Rebekah respond in faith? What indicates that God may have been working in her life ahead of this encounter?
- 8) How has God answered your prayers and who can you tell?"
- 9) We are introduced to Laban who will be prominent in future events. What seemed to get Laban's attention?
- 10) What advantage could Laban have gained if the servant stayed for 10 more days? What doubts might have developed had they waited?
- 11) Why is taking immediate action to God's call to faith important then and today?

Read Revelation 19:7, 2 Corinthians 11:2. Ephesians 5:23-32

- 12) The church has historically seen the gospel story portrayed in this narrative. In this light, Abraham represents God the Father seeking a bride for his son, Jesus. What parallels do you see between the two?
- 13) How does the servant illustrate the Holy Spirit revealing the true God and calling people to faith? See John 16:13-14.
- 14) How is Rebekah like the church responding in faith? See Galatians 3:26.

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) Lord, "What have I learned about prayer that I can practice this week?"
- 1) Lord, "Am I delaying an action that you have asked of me?"
- 2) Lord, "How does the image of your pursuit for a bride change how I think of our relationship?"