

SMALL GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Spring Semester - Week 2

Remember, these questions are just tools for discussion. You don't need to 'get through them all'. Use the questions that are helpful, skip the ones that are not, and let the conversation flow naturally.

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER(S)

- a) Share about a person who has left a legacy in your life.
- b) What was the best funeral you have ever been to? What made it great? On the flipside, do you have any funny funeral memories to share?

PASSAGE AND DISCUSSION

Read Genesis 25:1-18

- a) What stands out to you upon first reading of this passage?
- b) Abraham's faith story has been told. He is revered by the majority of the world as the father of faith. What do you appreciate about how the author of Genesis tells the story of his life?
- c) What is one thing you learned from the life of Abraham? What have you learned about God through Abraham's relationship with Him?
- d) Abraham was an ancient Mesopotamian, not a Christian. Why does that fact matter as we consider the 'obituary' of his life, and the legacy he left behind?
- e) What is a biblical understanding of sin? How prevalent is it? Why should we not be surprised when a Christian leader falls short of 'the mark'?
- f) Read **Romans 3:10**, and **4:2**. What made Abraham righteous? Was it anything that he did? Why or why not?
- g) Read **Ephesians 2:8**, and **2 Corinthians 5:21**. God *loves*, *redeems*, and *uses* sinners. Why do these scriptural truths give hope to the Christian? How do they relate to Abraham's life?
- h) Read **v11**. God's blessing to Abraham transfers to Isaac. God's blessing is bigger than any one person. What does this tell us about God and His narrative? What does it tell us about our lives?

- i) What is God's plan all about, and what is the role we are called to in His plan?
- j) Read **v5-6**. By sending his half-brothers away, and giving everything he owned to Isaac, Abraham did his best to ensure that the next generation would be equipped to follow God. What are you doing to ensure that the next generation will thrive in the message of the gospel and the Christian life?
- k) Read **Psalm 78:4** and **71:8**. Are you currently serving the next generation or is this an area you can pray about, that you might grow to serve more intentionally?
- l) Do you want to be a part of what God is doing in the world, in our city, and in our church? Are you hesitant? Why or why not?
- m) What do you want your legacy to be when your time on earth is done? How can you want to leverage your influence before that time comes?

TAKE IT HOME (OPTIONAL IDEAS FOR RESPONSE THIS WEEK)

- a) Think through your regular rhythm and write down the ways you are presently speaking into the next generation. Consider how you can be more intentional with this calling and the time you have to influence those coming after you.

OPTIONAL IDEAS FOR PRAYER TIME

- a) Pray for the leaders in our church:

Executive Team: Jeff, Cam and Steve.

Elders: Bruce, Keith, Ken, Kevin, Paul, Richard, Cal, Cam and Steve.

Trustees: Gerry, Craig, Brock, Mark, Valerie, Dino, Giordane, Gbolabo, Carol.

Ministry Staff: Dhiego, Kelly, Craig, Levi, Sean, Shannon, Nathan, Grace, Michelle, Colleen, Cassandra, Italo, Cheryl.

- b) Pray for the conflict in Israel.