



Main Scriptures: Hebrews 11:20
Genesis 25:22-28, 27:1-40

The Power of Blessing

Our Need for Blessing

God's Plan for Blessing

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The Small Group Sermon Study | Hebrews 11:20; Genesis 25:22-28, 27:1-40

Prayer: *Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.*

Icebreaker:

Share one of your favourite memories of growing up in your family. Why did you choose that memory? Share with the group.

Read Hebrews 11:20 and keep Genesis 25:22-28 and 27:1-40 in mind. Look at the key sermon points, then discuss the following:

1. What did you like or appreciate about this sermon?
2. Pastor Rob helps us to see the power of blessing. What positive words have been said to you that made a difference in who you are today? What negative words have been said to you? How are those words still affecting you today? *Encounter God* is a way to help with these things. Heartland is hosting *Encounter God* on March 18-19 and registration is open now.
3. What kinds of words do you speak over yourself and other people daily? How are your words a blessing or a curse to God, yourself and the people in your life? How could this group bless each other with their words? Take time to share words of blessing to each other in your group time.
4. How have you been like Jacob and “worn a mask” to get someone else’s approval? Share a funny or a serious way that you have tried to earn someone else’s approval. What need were you trying to meet when you were trying to earn that approval/blessing?
5. Rebekah said that the curse could fall on her so that Jacob could receive the blessing. Jesus Christ took all the curses we deserve onto Himself so that we could know and experience the ongoing blessings of God our Father. How do you respond to this truth? Our Father God sees us just like Jesus. He delights in us and is happy that He made us. How do you react to that reality?

Personal Reflection:

- Think through the last week. Where were you a blessing or a curse? Talk to Jesus about that.
- How could you thank God for sending Jesus to take the curse for you? How could you experience more of His blessing and then be a blessing to the people around you?

Prayer: *Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).*