



August 4-5, 2018
Messy Families: Isaac & Jacob
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MESSAGE NOTES

Genesis 25

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Reference:

Open in prayer and read Genesis 25.

Review:

What was one thing from this weekend's message that challenged, confused, or stood out to you?

Reflect:

1. We often see children who grow up in the same family but turn out quite differently (see Genesis 25:27). How can parents avoid the temptation to play favorites based upon the skills or inclinations of their children?

2. Unfortunately, messy families often pass down their dysfunction from generation to generation. How does faith in God help families break the patterns of brokenness that have existed in their families for generations?

3. Several times in the Bible, God is referred to as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Genesis 50:24, Exodus 3:15, Acts 7:32). As we have seen, the lives of those three are sometimes overwhelmingly messy. Why does God identify Himself with those three? What hope does that give to us in our own messiness?

Respond/Reinforce:

Check out the scriptures by participating in the Summer Bible Reading Plan. Choose the 30-day or 100-day option. Copies are available online or at the Connect Center. Read only the scriptures in blue if you are following the 30 day reading plan; read all of the scriptures if you are following the 100 day reading plan.