

# being human

IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING



## BOOK 2, CHAPTER 2

Relational Beings: Spiritually-Present Physical Family

### THIS WEEK

Identifying Patterns

What does your family tree look like? Few things are capable of bringing the kind of love and joy that our families can bring. But there are also few things that can cause us more turmoil than our families!

Since our families are capable of passing down both blessings and curses, shouldn't we each do our part to create spiritually-present physical family relationships that will leave a blessing for generations to come? Join us as we dig into the past and envision a future that God desires for the family.

### ICE BREAKER

Do you ever find yourself saying or doing things that your parents did?

### BOTTOM LINE

Understanding where we came from can help us get where we want to go.

### GROUPS SCRIPTURE

Read about a pater Isaac inherited from Abraham in Genesis 26:1-11. For comparison, see Genesis chapters 12 & 20.

*CHECK OUT TODAY'S SCRIPTURE & VIDEO AND TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS A QUESTION OR TWO FROM EACH SECTION.*

## LEARNING HIS STORY

**1. The Bible's accounts are different from other Ancient Near Eastern texts in their readiness to highlight the flaws of heroes.**

How can the flaws of biblical heroes comfort or challenge us?

2. How would you describe the character trait/ flaw that Abraham passed to Isaac that would lead them both to this kind of behavior?

3. What are some obvious examples of ways we see generational patterns -- good and bad -- playing out in our society today?

## EXAMINING OUR STORY

### GENOGRAM

Take some time to further build out your genogram by adding some relational patterns & dynamics. You can use the worksheet provided.

Over the next 2 weeks, we'll explore breaking negative patterns and passing on positive patterns.

## FINDING A NEW STORY

4. How might your own journey with Jesus set future generations up for greater progress in their own faith journeys?

**5. Pete Scazzero, author of Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, points out that "Jesus may be in your heart, but grandpa is in your bones."**

What are the implications of that? Does it mean we can't ever grow?



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