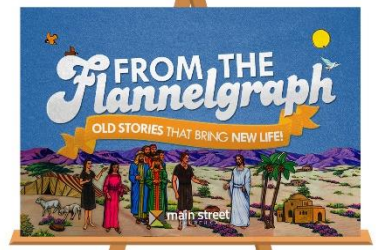


Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **FROM THE FLANNELGRAPH**

Message: **Part 3 – ESAU & JACOB**(Genesis 26:19-24)

February 18, 2018



Connect & Pray (25min)

*Welcome & Opening Prayer

> Let's begin our time together with Praise & Thanks to GOD.

[Use "popcorn prayers" (short statements) to Praise, Thank and Invite GOD...]

1. **DECLARE** (3min)

GOD, You are _____. You have done _____. You have promised _____.

2. **LISTEN** (3min)

JESUS, Is there anything that You would like to say to me, impress on my heart or remind me of today?

3. **ASK** (3min)

Make requests that is consistent with character, work & mission of God.

Sunday Message Feedback (45min)

*Speaker: Pastor Shawn Vandop.

1. What is your favorite Soup or Stew?

2. Message Feedback: What is 1 thing that impacted you from Sunday's Message on Esau & Jacob?

3. KNOW EXAGGERATION

Do you ever exaggerate? If so, when or how do you exaggerate?

What are some common statements of exaggeration that people say? Discuss.

4. APPETITE

a. When it comes to your appetite regarding food – what kind of food do you have a hard time saying "no" to? Why?

b. How would you describe the word "Appetite?" Discuss.

5. Discuss the statement: **"God created our appetites but SIN distorted them. Every appetite you have has been broken and distorted. The appetite is not necessarily bad – it's just been broken."**

a. Have you ever thought about your desires and appetites this way?

b. How has this been true in your life?

6. Read **Genesis 25:19-34** – ESAU & JACOB

a. What are your initial thoughts/reactions to this story in Scripture? Discuss.

- Pastor Shawn talked about the power and importance of a birthright in that day.

With the Birthright came 3 important things.

- If you had the birthright, you got a double portion of the inheritance.
- You also got to be the judge of the family after the parents are gone.
- A sense of blessing came with the birthright.

- This was a powerful blessing and privilege for Esau. Discuss why you think he took it so lightly?
- We are also given an Eternal Birthright when we accept God's gift of salvation and become His Child. With that birthright comes access to God, freedom from sin, fullness of life and eternity with God. [Romans 8:15-17](#); [Galatians 4:5-7](#).
 - What are some ways that we can treat our eternal birthright lightly?
 - Have you ever taken what God has promised you and sold it for something that only would bring immediate pleasure?

7. JESUS "The Older Brother" - The truth is the Devil wants to steal your birthright but Jesus wants to restore it. Jesus voluntarily shares His inheritance with us and makes us co-heirs with Him.

*Read the following verses and discuss how this is true for those who commit to following Jesus:

- a. [Ephesians 1:7-14](#)
- b. [Psalm 16:5-6](#)

8. READ [Hebrews 12:16](#) - Legacy

- a. What is Esau remembered for?
- b. How do you want to be remembered?

Application & Prayer (20min)

* **APPLY:** *So encourage one another and build each other up...* [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#)

- What is your "Bowl of Stew?"
- What are you talking yourself into? Identify those things that have the potential to steal your blessing.
- Write down (or discuss as a group) what you want God to do in 10 years from now:
 - In your family
 - In your business
 - In your church
 - In your heart
- "Decide before you have to Decide" - Stating these kinds of goals and prayers will help you to reframe your appetites because whatever you want will only lead you to want more.
If this is true then reframe your appetites around the things of God - Who He Is and What He Wants.

* **PRAY:** Break into groups of 3-4 or Men/Women to Pray for one another, based on your discussion.

* Join us for **PRAYER SUMMIT** this coming **Sunday, February 25th**. 6pm – Main Street Auditorium.

* For further Study: www.gotquestions.org/birthright-Bible.html

Announcements

MAIN STREET WOMEN: Coffee & Conversation Event

Sat. February 24. 7pm-8:30pm. FREE. Conference Hall & Café. Register at Guest Services or through the Office.

PRAYER SUMMIT

Sun. February 25. 6pm-7:30pm. Main Street Auditorium. *Worship – Prayer – Communion.*

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. March 4. During the Morning Services. Info & Registration - www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

SET FREE RETREAT

April 20-21. Info & Registration - www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free

*Go for the first time, or if it's been a year or two for you.

2018 Prayer Goals

We Ask You Lord...

- To shape and grow my character in 2018 by helping me be more intentional in practicing the spiritual disciplines of Prayer, Bible Reading and Journaling.
- To awaken us to the power of prayer and bring an increase in attendance to our monthly Prayer Summits.
- To provide \$100,000 in Christmas Hope Giving that will meet needs in our community and around the world.
- To empower us to persistently pray for and share our faith with at least one person in 2018 that you put on our heart.