

## Study Guide

**Pray:** Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

**Read:** Begin by reading Genesis 25 & 26 straight through, as you would read the chapters of any book.

### Questions:

1. Was there anything in the passage read during the week or in the lecture (Friday morning) that was of particular interest, surprised you or caused you concern in the chapters this week?
2. As you read the epilogue of Abraham's life **Genesis 25:1-18**, what are ways that God continues to fulfill His Word and promises regarding his two sons Isaac and Ishmael? (For help see **Genesis 16:12; 17:19-21** and **21:12-13,18**.)
3. a) Read **Genesis 25:19-26**. In **V21-22** we're told that both Isaac and Rebekah asked something of the Lord. Why did each one go to Him?  
  
b) In your own words, how did the Lord respond to Isaac and then to Rebekah?
4. From the response given to Rebekah, what do we learn about these children in the womb? What does that show us about God's omniscience (knowing all things past, present & future)?

5. a) From **V22-34**, describe Esau and Jacob, including their relationship and different personalities. How do these verses speak to God's sovereignty given what He said in **V23**?

b) What feelings or questions does that prompt you in your own life regarding God's sovereignty? (Perhaps in your own family dynamics, requests to God?)

6. Read **V27-34**. In your own words, what are some of the interesting dynamics developing in this family?

7. a) Even though Isaac (and Abraham) were given clear promises & instructions from God, there were times in their lives when they still didn't seem to fully trust. What evidence do you see of this in **Genesis 26:7-10**? Where do you think Isaac learned this behavior? 4

b) Contrarily, how did Jesus demonstrate His trust in the Father (and His love for us) according to **Philippians 2:8**?

8. Given that Jesus is in the family tree of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (**Matthew 1:1-2**), what hope does that bring knowing God's plan of salvation comes through even the most dysfunctional families?

Write out Psalm 5: 1-3 and be reminded that the Lord waits to hear us bring our requests, cries, concerns and questions to Him.