



Series: Genesis

Passage: Genesis Chapter 24:1-58

Title: A Bride for Isaac

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Discussion Starter – How has our study of Genesis, rich with types and foreshadows of the person and work of Jesus Christ increased your understanding of the text and enrich your walk and relationship with God? (John 5:39)

- Who are all the characters involved in this story, and who do they foreshadow in the New Testament Church?
- Abraham's servant who is not named in this chapter is found to be Eliezer, (Genesis 15:2). What is the meaning and significance of his name? (John 16:7)
- Why do you think Abraham's servant's name is not mentioned in this account? (John 16:13-14)

Read Genesis 24:2-9

- Why do you think Abraham sent his servant and did not let Isaac go to find his own wife?
- Why was Abraham so adamant that Isaac not take a wife from the daughters of the Canaanites?
- What was the foundation of Abraham's faith? Describe the difference between having biblical faith and what the world calls faith? What do you think is the bedrock of biblical faith?
- What is the spiritual significance we see revealed to us through Abraham's instructions to his servant in verse 8? How does this apply to our own walk with the LORD? (Matthew 28:19-20)

Read Genesis 24:10-14

- What does the expectant prayer of the servant reveal to us about his knowledge of and relationship with God?
- Have you ever asked for God to confirm His will with specific circumstances? How might this type of request actually reveal a lack of faith? What do you consider the best means that God has given us to confidently know His will? Share your thoughts with the group?

Read Genesis 24:15-58

- What are some of the things we observe about Rebekah, Isaac's potential bride? How do you see yourself as a Christian? Do you see it the same way that Jesus sees His bride the Church?
- When do you think that the servant was convinced that Rebekah was the woman God has chosen for Isaac?
- What is the significance to us, of the LORD leading the servant while he was "on the way"?
- What do the gifts given to Rebekah by the servant represent to us today in the Church? Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. Discuss the insights gained from this passage.
- Why do you think that the servant does not want to eat with Laban until he had told him of the reason for his visit? What does this teach us about how the ministry of the Holy Spirit works?
- Describe in your own words what the spiritual prototype is of what is taking place in verses 56-58, as it relates to our own personal response to the Holy Spirit?