

LIFEGROUPS

LIVING CHRIST : ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND REBEKAH

Read Genesis 24

1. Why was it so imperative for Isaac not to return to the country his father came from?
2. If you were in the servant's shoes what might you have done differently?
3. What is the servant's attitude and response to God throughout the passage? (you could make a list as you go through the passage)
4. In verses 12 to 14 the servant is very specific in his prayer to God when asking for direction. Do you think it is right for us to pray in this way or is it being a bit presumptuous?
5. What so quickly convinced Rebekah's family to let her go?
6. What compelled Rebekah to leave everything she knew to go to an unknown place, to unknown people and an unknown husband?
7. How big is your faith? What would you not be willing to do if you felt God was asking you to do it?
8. "The Child is father to the man" - the habits we nurture now will carry on with us into later life. What will your faith be like in 40 years from now? What are the ways you are growing your faith now in preparation?

Leaders Notes

These notes are here as guidelines or commentary notes to help the leader. Let the Word of God lead you and your Lifegroup to HEAR God's prophetic message this week as you explore His Word together.

A little context regarding this week's study

Abraham is nearing the end of his life but he believes in the promise that God has given him that he will be the father of many nations. He has great faith and believes that even if he does not see the promise fully come into being in his own lifetime God will bring it to fruition after his death. He therefore trusts that God will provide the right women to marry his son Isaac.

There is some debate over why the servant placed his hand under Abraham's thigh to take an oath; but it is agreed that this act symbolised an oath that was to be taken very seriously.

According to Wikipedia, "a 600kg camel can drink 200 litres of water in three minutes".