

The Heart of the Matter

13. Like Isaac, in what ways are you longing to be blessed?

14. In verse 5, Abraham is described as a man who obeyed God's voice completely. What charges, commandments, statutes, or laws from God do you wrestle with the most? What changes do you need to make in your life to obey God fully?

15. If you are in conflict with someone right now, what do you need to do to make things right with the other person?

16. Are you calling on the name of the Lord right now in your life? What do you need to do to make things right with God?

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Life Group Study Guide

Like Father, Like Son Genesis 25:1-33 For the Week of April 29, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. With respect to your parents, in what ways are you a "chip off the old block?"
3. Did you ever "pull the wool over someone's eyes" in a big way? What were the results?

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Digging Deeper

4. In the beginning of chapter 26 why did God repeat all of the promises to Isaac at this time?

5. Compare verses 26:1-11 with 12:10-20 and 20:1-18. What similarities do you see between Isaac and his father? Why did Isaac repeat his father's lie in saying that his wife was his sister?

6. When God blessed Isaac in verses 3-5, is God's blessing based on:
a) Isaac's obedience?
b) Abraham's faith?
c) God's initiative?
d) Coincidence?
e) Other?

7. How do you account for Isaac's repeated pattern of sin in verses 6-7:
a) sin is inherited.
b) sinful tendencies are learned.
c) sinful habits are hard to break.
d) self preservation is a prime instinct.
e) other.

8. How is Isaac's lie about his wife Rebekah different than Abraham's lie about his wife Sarah? Is Isaac's lie somehow worse than Abraham's?

9. What do you make of Abimelech's integrity compared to Isaac's in verses 9-11?

10. Even with Isaac's lack of integrity why does God still bless him with wealth in verses 12-14?

11. In verses 14-33, what words are used to describe the conflict between Isaac and Abimelech?

12. What do we learn about Isaac and Abimelech from the way they settled and reconciled their dispute?