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“Isaac and Rebekah”

Main texts: Genesis 24:61-67; 25:19-28; 26:1-13, 23-25

Purpose: To consider our relationships and responsibilities before God in the home.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss Abraham’s desire that Isaac not marry a Canaanite girl but rather one “you have chosen for your servant Isaac.” (24:14) Discuss the implications of this for Christians. See I Cor. 7:39; 2 Cor. 6:14.

1. READ Genesis 24:67; 26:1-11. What positive qualities do you see in the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah?

2. Read Genesis 25:19-28. Discuss what factors contributed to the difficulties that Isaac and Rebekah experienced as the twins grew up.

3. How might Isaac and Rebekah have avoided the problems that occurred? What specific things can married couples do to avoid conflict and disagreement? Discuss your own experiences. Bring helpful Biblical texts to bear.

4. READ 27:41-46. Discuss how both Isaac and Rebekah should have handled this situation? Again, what biblical principles can we bring to bear?

5. When our children (or grandchildren) begin to go the wrong way and evidence ungodly behavior how can we as godly parents redirect them? How do we establish a healthy environment in our homes? Talk about your mistakes and successes of the past and how you might do it differently if you could do it over. What advice do you offer our young people?

6. Read Ephesians 4:17-5:2, 15-21. Discuss.

Questions for children:

1. What are some problems that can happen in a family that make it hard to get along with each other?

2. When we have problems with others what can you do to help fix them?

3. Why do you think that sometimes you don’t want to fix the problems? (The adults in your group can help you with this answer)

4. Not all the parents in the Bible made the right choices. What are some things that Isaac and Rebekah did that were displeasing to God?

5. What should we do when we do things that God doesn't like? Can you think of some Bible verses that help answer this?

6. Even though you may not be thinking about who you might marry years from now, begin praying now for your future husband or wife – that God would lead you and prepare him or her to be a good marriage partner.

Prayer Items:

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