



Week 3: January 24-30

Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)

Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer

Share the Vision (2 minutes): Small group is a place where we should participate in discipleship. Let's grow spiritually as we discuss God's word and how it applies to our lives.

Hook Question (5 minutes): How has reacting out of fear hurt you or others in the past?

Ask someone from your group to read the following background for the story. (2 minutes):

Isaac and Rebekah are a very unique example of marriage in the Bible. Not only did God orchestrate their marriage from the beginning, but they were also monogamous. Many other prominent people in the Bible were not faithful to one woman. This includes Isaac's father, Abraham, his son, Jacob, and others like David and Solomon. Fortunately, Isaac and Rebekah remained faithful to each. Their marriage is an example a godly relationship. It is also a picture of God's love for His bride, the church.

However, their relationship was not perfect. Not long after they had their two sons, Esau and Jacob, there was a famine in the land. Famines caused great social and economic unrest. There was also much death associated with famines. As a result, Isaac and Rebekah moved their family to Gerar where King Abimelech of the Philistines lived. God told Isaac that He would establish His covenant with Abraham in this land by giving Isaac the Philistine land and multiplying his offspring "as the stars of heaven." This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Genesis 26:6-11 (12 Minutes for section): Remember to change the storyteller often.

Rebuild the Story: Group members retell the story as well as possible.

Read the story from Genesis 26:6-11: Ask the group to read these verses.

Discussion Questions: Learn to talk about God's word with others.

- What do you like or dislike about this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself or people in general?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- Who can you relate to in this story? (Isaac, Rebekah, Abimelech)
 - How can you relate to them?
- Is there someone you have wronged and have not made things right with them?
 - What do you need to do to make things right?
- How is the Holy Spirit challenging you through this story?

Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.