

Bible Summary: Genesis 26

Isaac encounters a famine that is threatening his life and family. He journeys through this chapter and ends finding a well that has room for he and his crew. His life provide wisdom when we encounter dry desert times. First, he is told to resist his instinct to go to Egypt but instead to stay in the Promise Land. As believers, we find our help in the promise land of community, Scripture, prayer, and meditation. Next, is the desperation that sets in as he seeks water. Water is the ultimate priority nothing else matters. There are circumstances in life both because of the brokenness of the world and our personal mistakes that bring us to our end. We have to be careful not dull our desperation through distraction. Lastly, Isaac has some perspiration to remove the earth that stopped up the water of his father's wells. We need to be evaluating if the earth has stopped up the wells of living water.

Scriptures: Genesis 26; Psalm 63:1-8; Matthew 13:22; James 4:8, Matthew 11:28-30; Hosea 2:14-16; Isaiah 35:1

Bible Questions and Application

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.
There is no obligation to run through **every** question listed.)

- 1) Is there anybody in the community group today that is in a famine?
 - a) How did you get in it? Circumstances or self induced destruction?
 - b) How are you doing?
- 2) How could we see Edgewater become a better hospital for the broken?
 - a) Are you a spectator or a physician's assistant?
 - b) How do we kill the "country club" mentality?
- 3) Isaac re-dug the wells of his father, so he knew where to find water. As dads are we doing that?
 - a) How do we do that?
 - b) Is there dirt in your well? How did it get there?
 - c) Do some dads here have some practical methods of digging wells for your kids?
- 4) What kind of distractions typically keep you from digging in? How do you deal with them?
- 5) Have you found in the desert that you get attacked by satan like Jesus in Matt 4 - blame, guilt, shame? What are some ways that we can use the Gospel to rebuff the attacks of the enemy?
- 6) As a community group, are we acting as physicians assistants?
 - a) Are we acting as physicians assistants in this group?
 - b) Are we acting as physicians assistants outside the group?
 - c) Are we ready to give Justin a call and volunteer in the Children's Ministry?

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