

The Link May 21-28

The Link connects the sermon at NCGather Sunday to the discussion which will take place at the upcoming NCGroup Sunday. It gives individuals and families an opportunity to dig deeper into God's Word and prepare for the upcoming group discussion. The aim is to help our families grow in their walk with the Lord by establishing practical next steps.

Series: If you are willing, God can. A study of the book of Genesis.

Current Session Topic: Isaac: If you are willing to follow Christ, God will grow your understanding of Him.

Key Passage: Genesis 24

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Read Genesis 24 and answer the following questions:

1. What authority structures are in place in this passage? In other words, who is doing the instructing and who is doing the following?
 - a. Where would you place God in relation to Abraham, and Abraham in his relation to his servant and Isaac?
2. In this passage, what acts of humility do you see (hint: look for times when people submit to someone else's mission or cause)?
3. Why does Abraham prohibit Isaac from marrying a Canaanite woman? (tip: What does the Old Testament have to say about the Canaanites?)

Questions to Discuss at NCGroups:

1. Abraham lives in such a way that the world around him could consider him to be odd and weird, maybe even offensive, and wrong. What are some current Christian practices or beliefs we embrace in which the outside world around us may consider odd or wrong? What about on the topic of marriage?
2. In Genesis 24, we see Abraham is leading well and Isaac is following well. In the church we have leaders and followers (see 1 Peter 5: 1-5 and Titus 2:1-10). In the church, what characteristics and abilities does a good leader possess? What characteristics and abilities does a good follower possess?
3. In the area of discipleship specifically, how much of a priority is disciple making in your life? Who are you discipling? And who is discipling you?

Action Steps

Create a simple action step for you this week and share it with someone in the group.

- What is one thing you can do this week that will strengthen your relationship with God?

Here are two additional questions that may help you form an action step:

- Are you withholding something from God which you need to surrender?
- Is God calling you to do something which you are neglecting to act on?