



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**November 17, 2024**

**Genesis 25**

**“Passing the Baton”**

## **QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1. Why does Abraham give the inheritance to Isaac only? What does this reveal about the plans of God?
2. God was faithful to Abraham and made Ishmael a great nation as well as Isaac. However, Ishmael was not the child of promise. How should Christians consider the blessing of Ishmael?
3. Barrenness is a continual problem in the lives of the patriarchs. What makes it such a threat to the promise of the blessing in Abraham? How should Christians respond to infertility?
4. What can we learn about prayer in verse 21? Does this guarantee when we ask God for something good, it will happen?
5. Genesis speaks of “the children” in Rebekah’s womb. How does this point to the personhood of these infants, even at this early stage in life?
6. The favor of God on Jacob instead of Esau can be a bit perplexing. However, it points us to the truth of the unmerited blessing and grace of God on His people. How are Christians to think of their own salvation in light of this reality?
7. When Esau despised his birthright, he essentially rejected the blessing and inheritance that come from the promise God made to Abraham. How has being ruled by his appetites cut Esau off from this blessing?
8. Walter talked about passing the baton of faith. Whom are you actively passing the baton of faith to? Who can we pray for in this regard?
9. What momentary pleasure has the power to tempt you to destroy your life? Who is encouraging you toward faithfulness in this area? How can the growth group encourage you in this?