

Community group questions
Genesis 12-36

Opening question: In what situations do you find it most challenging to wait?

Scripture study

- Read Genesis 12:1-5. What is God's covenant/promise to Abraham? What do we learn about Abraham's faith from these two passages? What is the connection of these verses to the previous chapters in Genesis? Discuss how God might use you to bless others with what they need the most.

- What more information do we get from Genesis 15:1-7 about this covenant? What difference do your beliefs of God help you when you are not sure where God is taking you?

- Read Genesis 16:1-6. From a human perspective, why might it appear that God's plan is derailed (see also 18:11)? How is this scene an example of one way to address a problem? What are ways we can create more problems by applying wrong solutions to other problems?

- Read Genesis 25:20-21, 26. What do we learn here about prayer?

- In Genesis 29:31-30:24 several babies are born over a relatively short period of time. Why such a preoccupation with babies and what does it have to do with the big picture of God's story? How does Ruth 4:11-12 shed some light on God's plan?

- Application: Discuss: "God isn't in a hurry. God grows things." How have you seen that in your life? In what situation presently is God growing you to trust and wait patiently on Him?