

LESSON 32

The Bethrothal of Rebekah

Genesis 24:1-67

WELCOME

A Time for **Assembly**

Introduction to gather together through an ice breaker (10 minutes)

To start: Share briefly an unusual wedding arrangement that you have experienced or observed.

WORSHIP

A Time for **Adoration**

Inspiration to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading of Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

Only a God Like You, by Tommy Walker (page 57)
You, You are God, by Walker Beach (page 62)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 23:1-20

WORD

A Time for **Admonition**

Instruction to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. Chapter 24 is the longest chapter in Genesis. What is the main message of this long chapter?
2. What qualities did Abraham's servant demonstrate as he searched for the woman that Isaac will marry?
3. Why did Abraham require that Isaac had to marry a non-Canaanite, and that he would not go back to Mesopotamia (24:2-6)?
4. On what basis did Abraham act to search for a wife for Isaac (24:7-8)?

5. What can we observe about Rebekah's character? (24:19-20)
6. The providence of God means that God is continually involved with all of His creation such that He directs them to fulfill His purposes (Grudem). What significant role did the spiritual disciplines of prayer and worship play in the providential work of God to bring Isaac and Rebekah together (24:12-14, 26-27, 52)?
7. Did Isaac simply wait for the result of his father's plan to find a wife for him (24:63-67)?

WALK

A Time for Accountability

Invitation to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern) (about 35 minutes)

1. What qualities of Eliezer, Abraham's servant, would you commit yourself to develop?
2. What qualities of Rebekah are worth emulating?
3. Identify a recently wedded couple, or a young couple, to whom you can offer spiritual guidance. How do you plan to meet with them?
4. How can the group pray for you? Share now your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and/or specific actions to be done in obedience to God's Word. As you intercede for each other, pray also for others outside the group who need to know Jesus.