

LESSON 47

THE FAMILY HISTORY OF ESAU

Chapter 36



A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker (10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly how your family/clan is or was a very influential group in local society.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading the Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

God of the Ages, by Travis Doucette

Stronger, by Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding

Scripture Reading: Genesis 36



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. Why did Moses, the author of Genesis, include a detailed record of Esau's descendants (Chapter 36)? Read Deuteronomy 2:2-5; 23:7.
2. Esau separated himself from Jacob and moved to the hill country of Seir. How did the author Genesis emphasize that the Edomites (i.e., people of Edom) were the descendants of Esau (36:6-8)? Read Genesis 36:1,8,19,43.

3. Who are the noteworthy descendants of Esau who became bitter enemies of the descendants of Jacob (36:12)? Read Exodus 17:8-16 and Matthew 2:16.
4. Esau was not the covenant heir. Jacob was. But how did God fulfill just the same the blessing promised by Isaac to Esau (36:9-30, 40-43)? Read Genesis 27:39 and Hebrews 11:20.
5. The names that Esau gave to his sons literally meant sensual, earthly objects (36:4-5). What does this affirm about what Esau gave more value to? Read Genesis 25:34 and Hebrews 12:16-17.



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. How can we affirm to our children that material blessings are a concrete expression of God's faithfulness and graciousness?
2. What can your Growth Group plan to do once a year to have a time together when you can meet with God and pray together?
3. How can members of the growth group assist one another in times of danger, whether physical, emotional or spiritual?
4. Pray for one another in the group. Share your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and personal applications of God's Word as studied in this lesson. Pray also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.