

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Genesis 25

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Genesis 25.

1. How many children of Abraham are recorded in this chapter? Considering that Moses is writing Genesis for the children of Israel after exiting Egypt, why are Abraham's other children listed here? Do you recognize any names that show up later in the OT?
2. What distinction is made between Isaac and the rest of Abraham's children in vv. 5-6? How did Abraham view Isaac compared with his other sons? Why would Abraham send his other sons away from Isaac?
3. How does v. 8 describe Abraham at his death?
4. How is this a testimony of God's grace toward Abraham?

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5. Where was Abraham buried? (Recall ch. 23)
6. What transfer takes place in v. 11?
7. What was the blessing God promised to Abraham that is being transferred to Isaac? (See Gen. 12:1-3, 22:17-18, 24:1)
8. Look up Gen 16:14, 22:62. Where was Beer-lahai-roi? Why is it ironic that Isaac settled here, not Ishmael?

❖ Day 2

Read Genesis 25 again.

9. Where have we seen the phrase “the generations of” in the book of Genesis before? What is this a marker of?

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10. How many sons did Ishmael have? How does this reveal the faithfulness of God toward Abraham? (See Gen 17:20-21)
11. Where did Ishmael and his descendants settle? Was this in Canaan?
12. What new section of the book starts in v. 19? How do you know? Who is this section (up to ch. 37) mainly about?
13. In light of what we know is coming in ch. 28-31, why is such an emphasis placed on Rebekah's lineage in v. 20?
14. What does v. 21 say about Isaac? How was he different than his father here?

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15. Why is v. 21 integral to the redemptive plan of God?

❖ Day 3

Read Genesis 25 again.

16. What does v. 22 tell us about Rebekah?

17. What does God tell Rebekah will be true of her children in v. 23?

18. According to v. 26 how old was Isaac when the twins were born? How old was he when he married Rebekah according to v. 20? How does this fill in v. 21 for us?

19. How does v. 28 foreshadow the coming conflict between Jacob and Esau?

20. How do vv. 29-34 fulfill what God said in v. 23?

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21. How do these verses also reflect their names?

22. Who is spoken of negatively in these verses? Why is this significant given the original audience of the book?

23. How does this chapter function in the book?

24. What is the significance of this chapter for us?

25. What are some implications/applications from this text for your life?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would trust in the God who is faithful to his promises. Pray that SWBC would submit to God's Word, bending our wills to God's truth.