**ISAAC AND REBEKAH’S FAMILY**

Genesis 25:19-34

Key Verse 25:23 “The Lord said to her, ‘Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.’”

1. What was the problem in Isaac’s family? (21) How was Isaac’s way of dealing with this problem different from the way Abraham had dealt with a similar problem? For how long did they pray for children (26b)?

2. When Rebekah experienced discomfort in her pregnancy, what did she do? (22) What can you learn from the faith and prayer lives of Isaac and Rebekah?

3. What was God’s revelation to her? (23) What did this revelation mean to the long-term future of Jacob and Esau?

4. How were Jacob and Esau different from one another at birth? (24-26) How were they different as they grew up? (27-28) Why did Isaac and Rebekah differ in their view of the boys? (28)

5. What is the birthright? (31; cf. Genesis 22:18) How did Jacob obtain the birthright? (29-34)

6. What does it mean that Esau despised his birthright? (34, cf. Hebrews 12:16, Genesis 27:36) In what respect is Jacob more fitted to be the covenant son than Esau? (cf. Romans 9:10-13)