

Community Group questions

4/24/22

The Gospel for Scoundrels

The conflict begins

Genesis 25:19-34

Understanding the passage

Read Genesis 25:19-34

- What stands out to you in this passage or from the message?
- What do you notice about the way verse 19 starts? Where have we seen this phrase before in Genesis?
- Follow the plot of this account.
 - What is emphasized in each section?
 - What is the point of tension and how is it resolved?
 - What some repeated thoughts or words?
- The name itself is significant if there is a special point made in the passage. Where do we see that here?
- What is a birthright? What does the birthright entail for Esau and Jacob?
- State the main point of the entire passage in one sentence.

Taking stock of our lives

- Conflict is a significant issue in everyone's life.
 - Do you tend to avoid or attack when in conflict?
 - Why don't you like conflict?
 - What are some common sources of conflict in your life?
 - How has conflict shaped: why you work where you work, how you raise your kids, your extended family, your friends (ex and current)?
- James 4:1 says that our conflicts arise because of our passions/desires. What are some key things you want that often create conflict in your life?
- How should we handle conflict within this group? What kind of expectations should we have of each other?

Applying the Bible to our lives

- Does God work through flawed individuals? Explain.
- Read verses 29-34
 - List all the bad things that happen.
 - What does this say about Jacob?
 - What is the one bad thing that is highlighted at the end?
 - What does this say about Esau?
- What does this passage say about the plan of God?
- How does this passage emphasize what is important in our life?