

**THE BLESSING OF THE BIRTHRIGHT
(The Gospel According to Jacob- Part 1)**

Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-45

HOW TO _____ GOD'S BLESSING:

Spiritual _____: Isaac

_____: **Rebekah**

Spiritual _____: Esau

HOW TO EXPERIENCE TRUE _____:

Receive the birthright _____

Treasure the _____

Life Group Questions for the Week of March 3, 2019

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. As we looked at Isaac, Rebekah, Esau and Jacob on Sunday, with whom of them do you most relate/identify and why?

3. Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. What are indications in the texts we looked at on Sunday that Jacob believed God?

4. Rebekah took matters into her own hands when it came to seeing Jacob receiving the promised blessing (see Genesis 25:23). Is it wrong to help participate in fulfilling God's promises or is it better to stand back and just let God do it?

5. One of the greatest gifts God offers us is a new birthright- to be adopted into his family and to be called "his children." How do the following verses help you understand both what it took to be adopted into God's family as well as God's character as your father?

1 John 3:1-2; Psalm 68:5-6; 1 John 4:9-10; Psalm 145:8; Psalm 145:17-20; Psalm 94:12-13

Which character qualities of God caught your attention the most and why?

6. Isaac and Esau shared some similar characteristics when it came to how they related to God. Complacency can easily lead to apathy, when it comes to our relationship with God. How can 1 John 2:15-17 motivate you to not let yourself become distracted by these things?

What are some signs that a person is being distracted by the world?

Is there a time in your life when you struggled with either life's worries, wealth or pleasures?

What has helped you deal with these distractions?