



## INTRODUCTION

In Genesis 26 we see the only chapter dedicated to Isaac alone. We watch his faith mature as he overcomes earlier failures to be a man who trusts the Lord.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

## REVIEW

- Have someone read **Gen 26**
- What are the promises God gave to Isaac in **26:3-4**? What relevancy do those promise have to us?
- What do you think Isaac fails immediately after this glorious appearance of God (**26:27**)?
- Why do you think God blesses Isaac so abundantly, despite his failure (**26:12-13**)?
- Why does Isaac build an altar in **26:25**? What would be the equivalent for us?
- How does Abimelech know that God is with Isaac (26:28)?

## APPLICATION

- Have you every left a hard place only to find a harder place? How do we know when it is time to move?
- Do you see any disconnect between what you say you believe and how you act? For instance, if you truly believed God was with you, would you act any differently?
- What impact does the "fear of man" have on you? Do other's opinions of you tempt you to exaggerate your accomplishments or minimize your faith?
- What would you have done in Isaac's situation in response to Abimelech's request for peace in **26:29**?
- Are there ways in which you can make God's blessings more obvious to the world?
- Who are some lost people in your life that you would like to pray for this year?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?