

Genesis 25 – 2020 Re-Vision April 26, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. When you were 20 years old, what was your vision for your life? How did that go? Did your life unfold according to your plan? Discuss this with your group.
2. In the sermon it was pointed out that the word “quarantine” is related to the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the wilderness. Have you sensed that God is with you in the current quarantine and bringing transformation to areas of your life? If so, how?
3. What do you remember about each of the main points of the sermon? (seen above). Was God speaking to you through this? Do you have any questions to bring up?
4. Read Acts 16:6-10. This story takes place during the Apostle Paul’s second missionary journey.
 - a) What was Paul’s original vision for a new place to bring the gospel? (v. 6-7)
 - b) How do you think God might have kept Paul and his companions from carrying out this vision?
 - c) Do you think Paul understood the reason behind this closed door?
 - d) How do you handle times in which you don’t have much clarity? What do you tend to do in such times?
 - e) How did God give Paul new instructions? Has God ever communicated to you in this way?
 - f) You could say that in this story, Paul experienced a “re-vision”. Are you open to asking the Lord to give you new vision and direction wherever needed?
5. Read Isaiah 53:1-3. This passage, written about 700 years before the birth of Jesus, describes characteristics of the future Messiah’s life and ministry.
 - a) How is the Messiah described in these verses?
 - b) When Jesus was born, what kind of Messiah were people expecting?
 - c) Now read Luke 19:41-44. Why was Jesus weeping over Jerusalem?
 - d) What reason does Jesus give for the coming destruction?
 - e) In what ways might we today fail to recognize God’s presence?
6. Read Psalm 119:18
 - a) In what ways do you think this prayer might be pleasing to God?
 - b) In what ways do you think this prayer might be helpful when preparing to read Scripture?
 - c) Make a plan to study a passage of Scripture this week. Begin by praying in accordance with Psalm 119:18 and expect God to answer you. Report to your small group later about how your time of study went and what God showed you.
7. Now spend some time praying for each other. Pray that God would give us clear vision and understanding during these days. And pray for any specific prayer needs.