

Genesis 33 – A Chosen People July 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.)



A CHOSEN PEOPLE

YOU ARE CALLED TO BE:

- A PEACEMAKER IN THE WORLD
- A STRANGER IN THE WORLD
- A LIGHT IN THE WORLD



Questions:

1. Recall times in your childhood when teams for sports were being picked one by one by captains. Did you tend to get chosen early or late in the process? What was that experience like for you? Share with your group.
2. What is like to know that if you are a Christian, you have been chosen by God? (see 1 Peter 2:9)
3. What do you remember about the sermon? Did anything impact or challenge you? Do you have any questions? (review the main points above)
4. Read 1 Samuel 25:1-39 (in this story, David is not yet king but is hiding in the wilderness from King Saul)
 - a) In what ways was Nabal a fool?
 - b) What were Abigail's virtues?
 - c) In what way did she serve as a peacemaker?
 - d) What principles of peacemaking can you learn from Abigail? Take a close look at her actions and her appeal to David.
 - e) What did she save David from?
 - f) How was she rewarded?
 - g) Who do you need to make peace with? Are there ways in which you can follow Abigail's example?
5. Read Daniel 1:1-21
 - a) What do you think it was like for these young men to be taken from their homeland and be strangers in the pagan culture of Babylon?
 - b) What did Daniel resolve not to do? Why do you think this was important? (see 1 Corinthians 10:19-21, 28, and 31)
 - c) Why did the official show favor and compassion to Daniel?
 - d) What was the result of Daniel's choice to honor God in his choices?
 - e) In what ways to you need to be a "stranger in the world"? Is there anything you need to resolve to give up?
6. Read Acts 1:8
 - a) Do you believe that you have the Holy Spirit's power to share Christ with others? (see Ephesians 1:3)
 - b) If you think that you need more of the Holy Spirit's power to be effective, what should you do? (see Luke 11:13 and Acts 4:31)
 - c) Who in your life can you be a "light in the world" to? Lift up their name in prayer regularly, be a blessing to them, and look for opportunities to speak the gospel to the them (Prayer – Care – Share).
7. Spend some time praying for our church, that we would live out the calling to be God's chosen people. And pray for any specific needs in your group.