

# Bible Study Questions

## ***Genesis: The Story Begins – From Father to Son***

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### **Focus**

God is faithful to fulfill the plans and promises made to Abraham as He now carries them on in the life of Isaac, and then ultimately to their fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Read**

[Genesis 26:1-33](#)

### **Listen**

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

*As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.*

### **Questions for Review**

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
  - What's the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
  - Who are the main characters in this section?
  - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
  - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
  - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
  - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. Do you ever struggle to believe that God is faithful? If so, what has caused you to struggle with that at times?

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2. How does this chapter help encourage you to believe that God is faithful?
3. How have the promises of blessing originally given to Abraham and then repeated here to Isaac been fulfilled in the Lord Jesus? In what ways are they still being fulfilled and awaiting fulfillment?
4. What are some lessons Isaac might have learned as he journeyed with God through all these events in his life?
5. What are some ways you've experienced God's blessings in your life, even perhaps during difficult times?
6. How is the promise of God, "I am with you", an antidote to fear, worry, and anxiety?
7. In what ways does the gospel make this promise of God's nearness even more true?
8. What are some ways you can grow in knowing God's nearness?
9. In what ways would your journey through this world on your way to your heavenly home be changed for the better if you more firmly believed that God is faithful to His promises and that He is with you always?
10. How might you help encourage another Christian who's struggling to believe that God is faithful?

### Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?

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3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
  
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?