

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – An Undeserved Blessing

Focus

God's blessing of salvation can be given to those who are sinful and undeserving of it because Jesus, though He's the Son who truly deserves His Father's blessing, has taken the curse we deserve for our sin.

Read

[Genesis 26:34-28:9](#)

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. Who is the hero of this story?

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2. Describe the sin of each person in this chapter: Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Esau.
3. Does this passage help you see any of your own sins more clearly? Share one or two of them with the group as a matter for prayer and growth in holiness.
4. Why is this 'blessing', which is the central feature of this chapter, so important, both in Genesis and in the story of the Bible? (Be sure you and others are clear about what this blessing is and how it's ultimately fulfilled.)
5. Are you offended that someone like Jacob receives such a beautiful and important blessing? What's the reason for your answer?
6. "God's blessing is unstoppable." How do we see that in this story and in what way does that give you hope and encouragement in your life?
7. "God's blessing is for those who don't deserve it." How can this be?
8. Do you really believe that the gospel is for sinners? If so, how does that impact how you relate to God? How does it impact how you share the gospel with others?
9. Does it help you to remember that God is repeatedly described in the Bible as "the God of Jacob"? How so?

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?
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?

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4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?