

# Sermon Discussion Questions

**Speaker: Dr. Stephen Burrell    Topic: Genesis 26    Scripture: Genesis 26:1-34**

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Genesis 26:1–11
  - What situation prompts Isaac to consider moving in verse 1, and where does God tell him not to go?
  - What does God promise Isaac in verses 2–5, and how do these promises connect to God's covenant with Abraham?
  - What fear does Isaac express when he arrives in Gerar, and what action does he take because of it? (v. 6–7)
  - How does Abimelech respond when he discovers Isaac's deception? (v. 8–11)
  - How does God's faithfulness to His covenant with Abraham encourage us to trust His promises today? (See Hebrews 10:23.)
  - What does Isaac's fear of being harmed reveal about trusting God in difficult or uncertain circumstances? (See Psalm 56:3–4.)
  - Why is integrity important in how we live among others, especially when we feel vulnerable? (See Proverbs 10:9.)
- Read Genesis 26:12–22
  - How does God bless Isaac during his time in Gerar, and what is the response of the Philistines? (v. 12–16)
  - What recurring conflict does Isaac face after moving away, and how does he respond to each one? (v. 17–21)
  - What is the significance of the well named Rehoboth, and what does it represent in Isaac's journey? (v. 22)
  - How can we respond with patience and faith when we experience jealousy, opposition, or unfair treatment? (See Romans 12:17–21.)
  - What does Isaac's willingness to move and dig new wells teach us about peacemaking and perseverance? (See Matthew 5:9.)
  - How might God be using times of conflict or limitation to lead us into a place of blessing and "wide space"? (See Psalm 18:19.)
- Read Genesis 26:23–35
  - What does God say to Isaac at Beersheba, and how does Isaac respond? (v. 23–25)
  - How does Abimelech's visit in verses 26–31 reflect a change in his relationship with Isaac?
  - What name does Isaac give the new well in verse 33, and what does it mean?
  - How does the chapter conclude with a note about Esau, and what does this signal about future family conflict? (v. 34–35)
  - How does God's presence bring comfort and confidence even in times of uncertainty or transition? (See Joshua 1:9.)
  - What does Isaac's response of worship and altar-building teach us about cultivating a relationship with God amid blessings and challenges? (See Hebrews 13:15.)
  - How should believers handle reconciliation or renewed relationships when others recognize God's blessing on their lives? (See Romans 12:18.)