

Grace Group Discipleship Guide

“Contending for a Larger Call”

For the week of February 25 - March 3, 2018

Main Passage:

“And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her, and she said, ‘If it is thus, why is this happening to me?’ So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³And the Lord said to her, ‘Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger.’” (Genesis 25:21-23 ESV)

- Consider that Isaac had difficulty landing a wife (he did so at age 40), and then he and his wife had difficulty conceiving. Yet, through perseverance they would generationally bridge Father Abraham (to whom was promised a nation), to son Jacob who would eventually father that nation: Israel. God’s delays are not necessarily God’s denials.

Main Lessons:

- God’s larger purposes for our lives are laced with challenges that must be contended for.
- These often trying times of barrenness should catalyze prayer that produces breakthrough.
- Breakthroughs can precipitate new tensions and new questions that spawn new growth.
- They may force us to weigh what’s best for “me” versus what’s best for “all.”
- The fulfillment of our personal destiny will be tied to the design of our larger spiritual family.

Reflection:

- When did you come to realize that life is not just about what's best for "me," but also what's best for others?
- What do you feel like God has birthed in you that would make a larger difference in this spiritual family so it can make a larger difference in the world beyond?

Application:

- From this discussion, what do you feel most led to do?

For Prayer:

- Pray that God makes it clear to everyone what their purpose is in serving our spiritual family and the seeking world beyond.
- Pray that God will use group members to impact the lives of those who don't yet know Jesus and those who have drifted away.

Communications

Discipleship Track

This class is four weeks long and happens weekly starting on **Wednesday, March 7th**, and **Thursday, March 8th** from **7:00pm-9:00pm** at our **Main Campus (ENLI 1)**. Our classes are designed to lead people to healthy relationships with God and others. It will give you a deeper understanding of the gospel which will transform your life, equip you for ministry in the church, and for influence in the world. Sign-up at pearlside.org or through our Pearlside App.

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