

IT'S NOT FAIR

Genesis 25:19-34

BELONG

Ask this Ice Breaker Question: What words or images come to mind when you think about families in the Bible, and in the Old Testament in particular?

BELIEVE

Have someone in your group read aloud: Genesis 25:19-34.

Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:

- 1. This week we are focusing the dysfunctional family in Genesis. Where do you notice family dysfunction examples of brokenness in the story we read from Genesis 25?**

Leader Context:

- *Answers may vary.*

- 2. Which person in the story of Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau seems to be the most dysfunctional? Which is the most relatable to you?**

Leader Context:

- *Answers may vary.*

- 3. People often tend to view Bible characters through rose colored lenses, treating them as model examples of virtue and godliness. But Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau are none of these. What do you make of the way the Bible speaks candidly about the brokenness of the people in Genesis?**

Leader Context:

- *God seems to always use broken people. There are no other kinds of people.*
- *These people didn't come out of a family that was so broken that God couldn't use them.*

BECOME:

- 4. Despite Jacob's deceptive behavior and Esau's shortsightedness, God's plan for Jacob to inherit the birthright is fulfilled. How does this passage demonstrate God's sovereignty and ability to work through flawed human actions to accomplish His purposes? How does this give us hope and assurance in our own lives?**

