

## Life Group Notes

**Pray** that God might help us understand the text, and apply it to our lives, and teach us anything else God might wish.

**Read** Genesis 27

### Discuss

- 1) Is there anything that stood out to anyone, or that you found helpful or new in the sermon or in the passage?
- 2) Genesis 12:2-3 – The original blessing
  - a. Break down this blessing. Which three things does God bless Abram with?
    - i. I have often seen it summarised as People, Place, and Blessing/Curse.
  - b. What is Abram (and his family-nation) to be to the rest of the world? How?  
*Note: You may want to keep a finger or bookmark in this page for now.*
- 3) Genesis 27:27-29 – The perverted blessing
  - a. What three (or so) things constitute this blessing?
    - i. Abundance, Domination, and Curse/Blessing
  - b. Compare and contrast this to the Abrahamic blessing. How is it similar? How is it different?
  - c. How might this be construed as a perversion of the Abrahamic blessing (intended to be fulfilled in and through the whole family)? Is this reasonable?
- 4) How are each of the characters guilty of claiming that which was not theirs to have or control, and of distorting their intended blessing to their own selfish ends?
  - i. Jacob? Isaac? Esau? Rebecca?
  - b. What comes about as a result of this?
    - i. Secrets. Broken relationships. Lies and schemes. Murderous intent. Relational and physical separation. Likely more.
    - ii. Instead of being a blessing to those around them, they become a curse.
  - c. How, and in what ways do we do this in ourselves? In our families? In our communities? As communities?
  - d. How is Jesus different?
    - i. Where this family was seeking to claim that which was not theirs, and thus bringing dysfunction and separation, Jesus laid down that which was rightfully his, and thereby brought life and reconciliation.
  - e. Read 2 Cor. 5:17-21. How, in Christ, have things changed?

### Open Floor

Any other questions or topics which people wished to and didn't get to discuss?

### Close in Prayer