

*sermon Questions for Life Groups*

***The Best of All***

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions or family or personal devotions*

1. Why does God continue to reiterate the promise of his blessing upon his people?
2. Review the ways in which this chapter records the presence of God in Isaac's past, present and future.
3. Pastor John spoke about how God's presence was promised to Isaac in Genesis 26:3. Here are a few other verses on God's presence in our lives:
  - Exodus 33:14
  - Jeremiah 29:13
  - 1 John 4:12
  - Acts 3:19-20
  - 1 John 4:16

From these verses, meditate on what our responsibilities or responses should be in order to enjoy the privilege of God's presence?

4. Can we learn anything from God's direction to not "go down into Egypt"?
5. Both Abraham and Isaac took things into their own hands when unsure of the situation. Do you trust God in every situation, or do you try to work things out on your own sometimes?
6. Have you ever walked away from conflict in order to witness God's grace in your life?
7. How does being in the midst of conflict affect your ability to worship?
8. Does it matter to you that non-believers are judging Christianity by the way in which you live? Does your profession match your lifestyle?

9. Share examples from the Bible where people acted in faith rather than in fear.
  
10. Read **Romans 8:15**, **2 Timothy 1:7**, and **1 John 4:18**. Share with the group how you may have struggled with fear and how you work with God to overcome fear in your life. What issues continue to hold you back?
  
11. What were some moments where you put aside fear or trepidation and went ahead in a spirit of faith? How did the presence of God help you?
  
12. A great example of how the presence of God transformed a man's faith and courage, please read Acts chapter 2. In seeing the boldness and leadership of the Apostle Peter, how was he transformed from a fearful man into a powerful witness for Christ?
  
13. Is it possible that others will turn to you for a word from the Lord or for spiritual help?
  
14. Do you believe that God Has been with you; is now with you; and will continue to be with you?