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This week's reading in the 2015/16 reading plan includes: Genesis 42-48 ; Mark 12-Luke 1

Ice Breaker: What was the most difficult or stressful task you were ever asked to do?

1. Discuss anything that jumped out at you in your private devotions this week.
2. What marks of integrity do you observe in this Genesis 24 narrative that would apply to us as we serve in God's Kingdom work? In our careers? In our families?
3. Eliezar, the servant in Genesis 24, was dependent on God and persistent in prayer for his work. We may think he had an advantage over us because he knew of God's promise to Abraham and Abraham told him that God through an angel would be with him (Gen. 24:7). Are there differences in this servant's dependence on God and ours? If so, what are they?
 1. What promises do we have in our service? Consider Col 3:23-25 and 1 Cor 15:50-58
4. Do you have a servant's mindset (Phil 2:1-7)? Are you seeking the best for those you are serving and those in authority over you? In the church (1 Peter 5:5; Col. 3:23)? In your family (Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:23)? At your job (Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:23)?
5. Do you see the leadership you have been entrusted with as service to God (Rom 12:3-8)?
6. What are your spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:1-31; Rom 12:3-8; Eph 4:7)? If you don't know, are you willing to begin serving so that you can find out? Are you willing to ask for help from church leaders so that you can find out where your gifts fit in the Body of Christ at Crossroad?

Sermon Outline:

Sermon idea: “Be a faithful servant to glorify God and bless others.”

I. A faithful servant is commissioned by Abraham to find a wife for Isaac. (vv 1-9)

- a. Abraham’s servant was trustworthy.
- b. Abraham’s servant was capable.
- c. Abraham’s servant anticipated problems and offered solutions.

II. A faithful servant is dependent on God for favorable results. (vv 10-14)

- a. The servant was dependent on God for results.
- b. The servant pursued God in prayer.
- c. The servant was more interested in success for Abraham than himself.

III. A faithful servant looks for God to reveal His will. (vv 15-53)

- a. Rebekah reported the encounter to her family. (vv 15-30)
- b. The servant asked for Rebekah to be Isaac’s wife. (vv 31-53)

IV. A faithful servant is focused to fulfill the assignments given. (vv 54-60)

- a. He was eager to get the job done.
- b. He was working toward the goal rather than himself.

V. A faithful servant sees the assignment through to the end. (61-67)