



Week of November 15, 2009

## Call to Compassion

### **Genesis 24, Luke 10**

When God calls His people to go somewhere, it is because they would not have gone there on their own. When God calls, His people are to answer with a resounding YES. In this week's study we take a deeper look into the qualities in Rebekah's life that directed the servant, through God's guidance, to identify and bring back God's woman for Isaac. God is still looking for passionate people like Rebekah, whom He can use in his kingdom building plan.

As Christ followers, God is calling all of us to have more than just a passion in life, but also a compassionate heart.

This study is designed to help us think about what it means to obey God's clear calling on our lives and to passionately carry out His calling. We are to be willing to "go the extra mile" to honor God in all things.

### **Sharing Questions:**

Tell of a time when you were most passionate about a cause, concern or event:

How can someone tell that you are passionate about something?

**Getting Started (questions):**

If you met someone for the first time, without having to ask, what would be the first indication that the person is a Christian?

**Homework:**

**Read Genesis 24: 12-14**

As the servant arrives, he offers a prayer. What does he specifically ask of God?

**Read Genesis 24:15-25**

What characterizes Rebekah's personhood?

**Read Genesis 24:26-27**

What kind of relationship did the servant have with God?

**Read Genesis 24:28-67**

How did God guide the servant?

How has God guided you in the past?

**Read Genesis 24:50-53**

What was the response of Rebekah's family?

How has your family responded to your faith?

**Read Genesis 24:54-60**

What describes Rebekah's role in this drama?

**Read Genesis 24:61-67**

Imagine what Isaac must have thought when the servant described what he saw in Rebekah as God led in bringing her back to be his wife. Describe what you think that first meeting might have been like:

Jesus told the story of "The Good Samaritan" to tell the "legal expert" how to inherit eternal life.

**Read Luke 10:25-28**

How did Jesus answer his initial question?

Is it possible to love God but not love your neighbor?

**Read Luke 10:29-37**

Why do you think Jesus chose the Samaritan, a half breed, whom the Jews despised, to be the hero of the story as he cared for the Jewish man who had been robbed?

**Read Luke 10:36**

Notice that Jesus turned the attorney's question from verse 29 on its head. What explains the difference?

Who is my neighbor?

Who am I BEING a neighbor to?

What opportunities do you have, during this Thanksgiving & Christmas season, to have mercy on those who are the least and the lost in the world?

**Memory Verse: Matthew 25:40 (NIV)** *“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”*



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