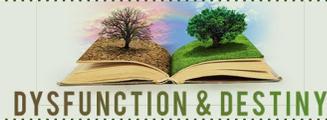


Get With the Program

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WARM UP

Share something special about your Easter season.

COMING UP

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Get to Know Global Workers Akli & Melody Arab Sunday, April 15. A brunch reception will be hosted at 10:45 a.m. in the FC commons. A dessert reception (bring a dessert to share) will be hosted at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Parent Commissioning Class Sundays, April 22–May 6, 10:45 a.m., DC201. Learn more and register at GracePolaris.org/Parents.

Stepping Up Men's Retreat Friday–Saturday, April 27–28, Heartland Conference Retreat Center (3201 County Road 225, Marengo). Register by April 13 at GracePolaris.org/SteppingUp.

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Isaac and Rebekah had an arranged marriage, which is highly unusual in American culture. How do couples typically become engaged in America? What are the strengths and weaknesses of our cultural norm?
- 2 Put yourself in the situation of Abraham's servant. What thoughts and emotions might you have had when swearing the oath that the servant swore (Genesis 24:2–4)?
- 3 Describe a recent task you've been charged to accomplish. What obstacles did you face? Did you stick with it? If so, what kept you going?
- 4 Name some points in Genesis 24 where God's plan could have been derailed. Did things go according to plan because of His faithfulness or because of the faithfulness of people?
- 5 What do people mean when they say, "follow your heart?" Do you think this is good or bad advice? Explain.
- 6 What step can you take this week to embrace your role in God's plan? What are the barriers that are making it difficult to do this? How can your Grace Group help you get past these barriers?
- 7 **DIG DEEPER** Understanding God's plan for our lives can be elusive. Consider Micah 6:8, Romans 12, Proverbs 3:1–12, and 1 Peter 3:8–15. How do these passages guide and help us? List other passages that shed light on this question. What is at the core of understanding God's plan for us?

PRAY

Pray that you would understand and embrace God's plan and passion for your life.