

Like Father, Like Son...Like God

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WARM UP

What are you looking forward to doing once it finally stops snowing?

COMING UP

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City Barbeque Fundraiser for Operation Barnabas Students Thursday, April 26, 10:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m., City BBQ (8491 Sancus Boulevard, Columbus)

Considering Church Membership Class Sunday, April 29, 4:00–6:00 p.m., Grace Bookstore & Café. Learn more and RSVP at GracePolaris.org/Membership.

Celebration Concert & Reception for Randy & Jane Kettering Sunday, May 6, 4:00 p.m., WC auditorium & FC commons

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 How are you like your parents (especially your same-gender parent)? What are some similar characteristics that others would affirm?
- 2 God had very good promises in store for Isaac, but God required obedience to His directives. Why is it so hard to obey, even when the promised result is blessing? What lessons did you learn as a child or what experiences have you had as a parent in this regard?
- 3 God's promise consistently included an ultimate blessing that extended beyond the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob). What does this tell us about **why** God blesses us?
- 4 Fear, especially for self-preservation and security, is a powerful motive for deceit. How can we learn to speak truth even when we face uncertain consequences as a result?
- 5 Is there ever a time when deceit is justified? Can "the end justify the means" in our communication?
- 6 Isaac experienced one blessing after another from God, even after he spoke deceitfully to a pagan leader. Have you ever been rebuked by a nonbeliever for your moral or ethical behavior?
- 7 Have you ever experienced repeated blessing in practical ways from God (and quite undeserved, at that)? Recount an episode or example of God's grace in your life.

PRAY

Pray that God would help you overcome bad behavioral "defaults" you have learned from others or that come naturally to you. Praise Him for the undeserved favor He has shown you.