



Small Group Discussion Guide

Lessons in Listening — Generational Faith

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Genesis 26:2–6 (NIV®)

² **The Lord appeared to Isaac and said**, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. ³ Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. ⁴ I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, ⁵ **because Abraham obeyed (listened) me and kept my requirements, my commands, my decrees and my laws.**” ⁶ So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

The Lord made a promise to Isaac which was based upon the life of Isaac's father, Abraham. Isaac's life was shaped by a generational faith. Let's make choices which bring God opportunities to the generations who follow us. This is not accidental, it is the outcome of an intentional life of faith.

1. What did Abraham do which brought a generational blessing to his family? v.5
2. Obedience and listening are connected. If you have not heard, are unaware . . . then obedience is accidental not intentional. What are your personal habits which help you “listen” for God's direction?

Life under authority

Exodus 15:26 (NIV®)

He said, “**If you listen carefully** to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, **if you pay attention** to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.

3. What conditions were required of the former slaves of Egypt in order to experience God's healing and health?

Romans 10:9 (NIV®)

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

4. What conditions must be met for us to experience salvation?
5. Living under God's authority requires us to submit to His directives. Describe some of the ways your thoughts and behavior have changed since you yielded your life to Jesus.

Advocates/Ambassadors

2 Corinthians 5:19–21 (NIV®)

...that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Ambassadors represent their home country.
You and I represent the Kingdom of our Lord.**

**Ambassadors set aside their "personal agenda" to represent their nation.
Ambassadors are deployed at the direction of their government.
Ambassadors reflect the policy and attitudes of their government.**

6. On a scale of 1 (not engaged) to 10 (fully engaged), how would you rate your "Ambassadorial Faithfulness" for the Kingdom of God?
7. Since you have become aware of your "appointment", how has your life changed?

Prayer

Almighty God, grant me an understanding heart and listening ears. Help me to walk uprightly in Your sight. May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to You. May I never forget the grace and mercy which You have extended to me. Holy Spirit, guide me in paths of righteousness, reminding me of the glory of my Lord. Amen.