


SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / OCTOBER 6

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

 **15 minutes.** Pull up the 40 Days of Prayer guide (Daily Revival in the Summit app or online). Break up into smaller groups of three to four people and pray through today's entry in the 40 DOP guide. Use the Scripture and prayer prompts provided to guide this time in prayer.

Read

Read Genesis 24:50–67 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "Isaac and Rebekah do not date each other in isolation, but this whole thing unfolds in the midst of an engaged community of people."
- "Courting was communal, and dating became individual ... there's extreme wisdom in taking a major tenet of courting ... and that is making a commitment to invite others in."
- "Love ... is not just a feeling, but biblically speaking, points to a sacrificial commitment ... Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Group Discussion

1. Genesis 24 highlights community involvement in Isaac and Rebekah's relationship. How does involving others in your relationships help, and why might it be challenging today?
2. The sermon mentioned how "falling in love" distorts reality. How have you seen emotions impact your or others' ability to see clearly in relationships?
3. What practical ways can you live out the biblical principle of sacrificial love in your current relationships, especially in times of conflict or stress?
4. Reflecting on Proverbs 11:14, why do you think the Bible emphasizes seeking counsel in relationships? How has seeking guidance from others helped or hindered you?

CHALLENGE

- This week, reach out to someone you trust (mentor, friend, pastor) to invite them to speak into an important area of your life, whether that's dating, marriage, or another relationship. Actively seek their guidance.

PRAYER

- Pray for wisdom and guidance in relationships, asking God to help you invite trusted believers into your dating or marriage journey for wise counsel.
- Ask God to cultivate a heart of sacrificial love, helping you grow in patience, kindness, and commitment in your relationships, especially when faced with challenges.