

02 GOD'S GUIDANCE

KEY TEXT: GENESIS 24:12-20,26-27,50-51

CENTRAL truth

As Abraham neared the end of his life, he wanted to ensure that Isaac found a wife. Abraham sent his most trusted servant on a journey to seek God's direction on who He would choose for Isaac to marry. Just as God directed the steps of Abraham's servant, He invites each of us to depend on Him for help and guidance. **God directs the steps of those who seek Him.**

key question

What are some ways we can include God in our plans? Why is it important for us to do so?

As Christians, it's common for us to hear phrases like, "I'll pray about it" or "Ask God what He wants," but students may not understand the purpose behind this. Whether it's a relationship, a post-high school decision, or another unique opportunity, we are always making plans. God's care extends into every arena of our lives, both big and small. As we lean on Him, we don't just gain wisdom; our intimacy with Him is also strengthened.

keep in mind

- Students who are newer believers or unbelievers may not completely understand how to pray and seek God's direction. Be prepared to share some insights regarding prayer and why we should invite the Lord into our decision-making processes.
- Hospitality is an expected practice among God's people. For students, hospitality may seem like something that can only be practiced by those who have a home or space of their own. This is a limiting perspective. Biblical hospitality involves caring for and sharing with others—without the thought of receiving anything in return. Remind students that this is a value they can embody now with the Holy Spirit's help!

application

How can God's response to the servant's prayer challenge the way we pray?

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FOR THE STUDENT: Students will benefit from understanding that the Lord's care extends to every part of their lives. God is delighted when we trust Him with both the minor and significant details of our days, months, and years.

FOR THE LEADER: The story of the servant's journey to find a wife for Isaac can provide an opportunity for leaders to spotlight a situation where the Lord provided direction or insight as you depended on Him. Invite students to bring one problem or choice to the Lord this week in prayer.

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