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Study Questions
By Faith We Live: A Study of the Life of Abraham
Faith and Satisfaction
Genesis 25:1-11

Opening Discussion

1. What does it mean to be satisfied? What are the signs of dissatisfaction?
2. What do most people in our culture believe will satisfy? Do the people around you generally seem to be satisfied or dissatisfied? What leads you to your conclusion?
3. How do advertisers and marketers promote dissatisfaction? Are they effective?
4. In one short sentence, what would you like written on your tombstone?

Bible Study

1. Read Genesis 25:1-11. According to Genesis 17:4, God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations. Could 25:1-4 reflect a fulfillment of that promise?

Compare Romans 4:19. Could Abraham have fathered six more children apart from God's blessing?

2. How does God's promise in 15:15 compare with the words of 25:7,8?

Does God tell the truth?

3. Genesis 25:8 states that Abraham died "satisfied with life." Go back to Opening Discussion question 1. What did you determine it means to be satisfied?

How does your definition of satisfaction line up with Abraham's life?

4. Go back through Genesis 12-15 and identify the significant lessons of faith you have learned through this study. Title your review: "How to Be Satisfied." See if you can list 10 principles from your review of what it will take to be satisfied.

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Application

1. From your list in Bible Study question 4, choose the three areas you need to work on the most in your faith journey.
2. For each of the areas you need to work on from the previous question, see if you can identify 2 practical things you can do to grow in each area.
3. Pray for one another, asking God to make each of you a person of faith.