


# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / SEPTEMBER 29

## 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 24:1–10 and consider making some observations about the passage.

### Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “Dating is all about evaluating to get clarity on the greatest human decision one could ever make, which is the potential for marriage.”
- “Dating, sadly, for too many is how they find their sense of self-worth and joy. This is not the way of Jesus.”
- “One of the primary things on your list to pray for in a spouse should be selflessness. Why? Because selfishness is the number one killer to all relationships.”

### Group Discussion

1. How does the story of Isaac and Rebekah in Genesis 24 shape your understanding of God's involvement in the decisions we make, particularly in relationships?
2. Pastor Bryan highlights Isaac and Rebekah's contentment before marriage. What do you think it looks like to pursue contentment in singleness, dating, or even marriage today?
3. Based on Genesis 24 and the sermon, what does it mean for someone to take initiative in a relationship in a healthy, biblical way?
4. The sermon pointed out selflessness as key in relationships. How can practicing selflessness transform the way we approach dating or marriage?

#### TESTIMONY

- Has there been a time in your life when you experienced God's clear guidance in a relationship or a decision about dating or marriage? How did you discern his will?

#### PRAYER

- Pray for contentment in our life stages, asking God to help us find our ultimate fulfillment in him rather than in relationships.
- Pray for a spirit of selflessness in all relationships, that you would reflect Christ's sacrificial love and avoid the pitfalls of selfishness in dating or marriage.