

## Home Group Notes 2

### Isaac: only son and father of two

#### Introduction

Isaac's main claim to fame is as the son of Abraham and the father of Esau and Jacob. He is the next generation who continued to act on the Old Covenant promises of God, and to pass them to the next generation.

1. Isaac's name means laughter. To whom did he bring laughter? Do you know a birth which brought similar joy?
2. What do you know about Isaac from Gen.21-28?  
[ ] He was close to being sacrificed by his father until God provided a ram True or false?  
[ ] he sent a servant to Syria to find him a wife from his relatives  
[ ] he married Rebekah, his second cousin  
[ ] he said he was his wife's brother to foreigners to minimise offence if she was sexually exploited  
[ ] he treated his younger son as his favourite  
[ ] he was deceived by Jacob into giving him the birthright blessing
3. Have you noticed how sins are copied in successive generations of the same family? Can you see patterns across the generations in this family? Can families stop this downside of inheritance? How?
4. Among the Old Testament people of God, your place and your inheritance depended a lot on your

family tree and your parents? Is this true of the New Testament people of God? Read John 1v.11-13 and say what is different for us.

5. Read Romans 9v.7-13. Isaac illustrates God's purpose of election. Can you understand why God voted for Abraham's family to reveal himself to the world? What is your reaction to being elected to his people today?
6. Romans 9v.5 mentions the patriarchs. Who are the patriarchs?
7. The same phrase is used by Jesus in Mark 12 and Moses in Exodus 3. Does it show how much Jesus' family tree meant to them? As a description of God, what does it communicate?
8. Can you memorise the first five of Jesus' family tree as represented in Matthew 1? The first ten?
9. In Mark 3:31-35, Jesus talked about his new family. He was still committed to his birth family but he also had a large commitment to his new birth family. How would you describe your similar commitments?

#### Prayer Points

*Thank God for how he chose and saved you*

*Thank God that you are a member of a new worldwide family  
Pray that bad patterns will be stopped passing down the generations of families*

*Pray for Geoffrey Firth, Philip Burrows and our nation's forces  
Pray for our sister churches in Poynton Churches Together  
during this week of prayer for Christian unity*