

# Forgiveness- Gen 25:27-34

25 & 26 January - Ron Aulbach

Our Imperfect Family

## LIFE

Building life giving relationships

**Catch up** - Spend 20-30 minutes catching up with each member of the group and sharing prayer requests.

**Your story** - What is a pet peeve of yours when you were a kid?

## GOD

Growing more like Jesus together

### INTRO QUESTION:

- Do you think that our culture has become easily offended?
- What things typically offend people now?

**READ:** Genesis 25:27-34 (notice the family feud as you read)

- Have someone summarize the story.
- Does any of this relate to your family?

**READ:** Genesis 27:41

- What is Esau's state of mind? What is his response to what has happened with his brother?
- How did Esau get to this level of emotion?
- What would your advice be to Esau? What about Jacob?

**TIPS:** Pastor Ron gave three suggestions for dealing with hurt and forgiveness. He said; compassion fosters forgiveness, with God's help go first, and give others what God gives you.

- How does having compassion fosters forgiveness?
  - Does anyone have an example of how you had to see the other person as a person, before healing could happen? (please share)
- What did pastor Ron mean by, "With God's help go first?"
  - What does it do to wait for the other person to go first? How does God act with us, did He wait?
- What did God give us that we should give it to others, and what does that look like?
- If you had to pick only one to work on now which would it be?

**PRAY:** God help us to see our own issues with grudges and forgiveness. Please Holy Speak into our lives about people we need to forgive and grudges we need to release to you.

## **OTHERS**

Loving God and loving others

**OTHERS:** Is there a grudge you need to let go? Is there someone you need to have compassion on, or to go first with? How can you be a vessel of God's forgiveness to the community around you?