

Study Questions
March 19, 2017
Founding Fathers
Genesis 25

1. Who do you think got the better deal out of the Compromise of 1790?
2. Why do you think deals often get made in backroom deals? What are the pros and cons of deals being done in “the room where it happens?”
3. What are your first impressions of the life of Jacob as a Founding Father?
4. Beyond the story of Jacob and Esau’s feud, what other stories relate the slippery dealings of Jacob? What does that say about his character/nature?
5. Why do you think God allows for such a messy beginning to the founding of his nation of priests who are meant to bless all people?
6. What do you make of the regular subversion of the law of primogeniture in Genesis? What does it say to you about the nature of God?
7. What other episodes of subverted expectations of favor can you think of in the Bible?
8. How do you see Joseph’s incredulous reaction to the cross-handed blessing in Genesis 48 play out in today’s world?
9. Why do you think we are so inclined to the idea of “grace for me, justice for you?”
10. What kind of freedom have you found in shedding the older brother syndrome? Who might you need to forgive or release from bondage?