**Follow God to Find your Future Family – Leader Notes**

**HOOK**

**1. For singles: What are the top 3 qualities on your list for a future life partner?**

**2. How might this list change over time?**

**3. For married couples: tell the story of how you met. How does God fit into the story of your marriage?**

**BOOK**

(**option 1** – for youth/young adults)

Choose a narrator. Assign parts to act out as the narrator reads. Key roles: Abraham, Abe’s servant, Rebekah, Bethuel (Becky’s dad), Laban (Becky’s brother), Issac. Optional role: camel (drinking water); camel (carrying wealth); camel (being ridden by servant and by Rebekah). Ask actors to get into the story as the narrator reads.

**4. Why do you think Abraham was so adamant his servant find a bride for his son among his family?**

(**option 2** – for adult groups not accustomed to lively Bible reading and risk taking)

**Read Genesis 24:1-21**

**5. What qualities would you most like to see in a son/daughter for your unmarried children?**

**6. How would you respond if your son/daughter wanted to marry someone from another ethnic group or race?**

**Read Gen. 24:5—66**

**7. How important is it for you to approve of your children’s dating/marriage partner? Is approval different than blessing?**

**8. How difficult is it to let your children go and make their own decisions?**

**LOOK**

**9. Why would Abraham not want his servant to go back to his birth country to find a bride for his son?** (Abraham had spent most of his life pursuing a calling from God that involved him inheriting the land of Palestine. Abraham wanted his son to follow in his footsteps and not to go backwards.)

**10. What do we have to do to go backwards in our spiritual life?** (Nothing – just go with the flow of the downward culture around us.)

**11. Where is the greatest temptation for you to go backwards spiritually?**

**12. Agree or disagree: “A good marriage isn’t something you find; it’s something you make and you have to keep on making it.”**

**TOOK**

**13. What is something you believe God has called you to in the future that you don’t want to abandon? How can our group support you to keep pursuing this calling?**

**14. If you found someone with your looks, character and spirituality, would you be willing to marry them?**

**15. In what area could you “go the extra mile” like Rebekah did in serving others?**

**16. What might be the impact of your willingness to take greater risks? What have you said, “I will” to?**

**17. How important is the blessing of your parents to your choice of marriage partner?**

**18. How does your family bring you comfort?**

**19. What aspect of your life do you need to spend more time praying about: goals, job, finances, or marriage partner?**

**Spend time praying for each other in your group.**