**Genesis 25:19-34**

**Community Group Questions**

1. Read Genesis 25:19-34. What did you find most helpful, challenging, or encouraging from this week’s passage and message?
2. What other examples come to mind when you think about the idea that God is able to draw straight lines with crooked sticks?
3. What are the implications of knowing that God’s ways are often surprising and a mystery to us? (See Isaiah 55:8-9; Ecclesiastes 11:5)
4. God operates on a different timetable than we do. What are the challenges that come with that? What are the comforts? Read the following passages for some insights:

* Psalm 90:2
* Psalm 102:12, 24-27
* Ecclesiastes 3:1
* 2 Peter 3:9
* Hebrews 13:8

1. Read Hebrews 11:8-22. The writer highlights all that the patriarchs accomplished by faith without mentioning their stumbles along the way. What encouragement can we take from that?
2. Esau was a man driven by his desires. In what ways do our desires deceive us? How would you describe the contrast between those who lived by faith (Hebrews 11:13-16) and those who live like Esau (Hebrews 12:15-17)?