

**Sermon Series: "Making A Difference"**

**Message Summary:** Abraham was the recipient of God's promises and blessing for many years. Now it's time to make sure that his son Isaac will also make his mark and inherit the promises of God. Abraham wants to pass the mantle of patriarch and the baton of blessing to his son by ensuring he marries the right person and continues the family line so that "all the nations of the earth will be blessed," as God had promised. What are the key skills for such an endeavor?

## **Baton Passing Skills**

### **Genesis 24**

#### **1. The Skill of Selflessness. vv.1-2**

- A. Leadership must include a selfless sharing of resources so the next generation can succeed.

#### **2. The Skill of Separation. vv.3-9**

- A. Parents, do your best to influence children to be saved and separated, living holy for Jesus.

#### **3. The Skill of Supplication vv.10-17**

- A. As a parent model training skills of prayer and placing trust in God.

#### **4. The Principle of Success. vv.7,12**

- A. Measure success by the standard of God's will and by doing what God wants, means you're a success.

#### **LifeGroup Questions All LifeGroups are on Summer Break until 9/9/19**

**BEGIN IT (5min)** – Time spent in praise and opening prayer.

**OPEN IT (10min)** – What were some of the qualifications you had to meet for your job?

**EXPLORE IT (60min)** – Read Genesis 24 and review Sunday's sermon outline together as a group. Stop at each point allowing people to share their additional comments or notes taken while listening to the sermon. Now answer these questions:

1. What priorities should we have as goals for a spiritual life style?
2. What is the difference between planning for the future of the next generation and worrying about their future?
3. If you applied the list of "skill for passing the baton" to the next generation, how would you measure up?
4. What quality from the list of skills do you want to improve in your life? How could you start?

**APPLY IT (15min)** – How has this message added to your understanding of God's plan for the next generation? **PRAYER GROUPS-** Break into groups of three and pray for each other.