

Media



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

✔ Called by God?

Show the *Bible Background Video* and read today's scripture passages: Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67. Then, view the three video clips from "Contact" in the order listed, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- How do these video clips fit with the scriptures and the background video?
- If someone was to ask you to sum up the faith that your congregation holds in common, in plain language, without using any kind of formula or creed, what would you say?
- What do you think the term "faith" really means, as practiced by your congregation or group?
- In what ways is your definition of the term enhanced or challenged by the way other people in your faith community might view it?
- With what worldviews do you think your congregation has the toughest time contending and why?
- How might a congregation best dialog with the rest of the world, and what are some potential benefits from doing so?

✔ React to This

Play the "Murder in the Big House" and/or "Shine" songs, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- How do you think these songs relate to the conversation we've been having?
- In what places or situations do you find it most easy to feel in touch with God and why?
- What are some aspects of your own personal faith that you think make you different from other people - including some of those who claim the same faith heritage as you?
- In what ways do everyday things inform your faith?
- How so you personally make piece with the perceived tension between science and religion?

- Suppose that someone comes to you and tells you that they see you as a person of faith and they want to know how you manage to live in a manner consistent with your personal faith, despite all that goes on in the world, what do you tell them?
- How do you think God has called you to be who you are?

✔ Close

Invite people to complete this sentence:

"You can tell that God has called someone to do or be something when they"

Close with a prayer that the group might better discern that path that God has set for them.

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