1) Name the 6 distinguishing aspects of Israel's history and important themes that emerge out of that history as it relates to what we have already learned in the first 2 Acts of God's story?

2) According to God's story in Act 3 (the history of Israel), what did you learn about who God is? What did you learn about God's people?

3) Practice: Practice reading your Bible. What is your reading plan in your OIKOS? Which Bible app are you using? Do you have a study Bible you use?

- 4) Based on the readings for the week:
- a) What is the covenant agreement made between Abraham/Sarah and God?
- b) What is a birthright? How did Jacob get the birthright from his brother Esau?
- c) What's in a name: What do the names Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Israel and Moses mean? Why are they important to telling the story of Israel (the people of God)?
- d) How did Joseph reconcile/forgive his brothers?
- e) How were the Israelites oppressed/enslaved? What does God promise to do for them?
- f) What is the problem with the people of God asking to be like other nations? What does God do in response? What is the warning that comes to the people about the King they want?
- g) How does the Psalmist recount the Exile?

5) Questions regarding the teaching or the readings? Please submit at least 1 question per person, attach their name to each question please. Remember, there are no stupid questions.

Readings for this week:

Genesis 12:1-3 Genesis 25:19-34 Genesis 32:22-32 Genesis 50:15-21 Exodus 5:1-6:8 1 Samuel 8:1-22

Psalm 44