

Building Faith | Genesis 29-31
2022 Summer #8- July 17th, 2022

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.

- 1) What has been the best part of your week so far?
- 2) If you were giving a tour of your hometown, what would you show first?

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Read Gen. 29:1-30 | God shapes me in my disappointment

1) In what ways does Jacob, the deceiver, get a taste of his own medicine? Note the irony in v. 26. In what positive ways could this shape him?

2) Read Hebrews 12:5-11. What do you learn about God's discipline?

3) What disappointments has God used to shape you?

Read Gen. 29:31-35 | God sees me in my disappointment

4) Where was Leah looking for fulfillment and love? How did God comfort her?

5) Based on the names given to her sons, what evidence is there that Leah finally found satisfaction in God alone?

6) How has God blessed or comforted you in times of disappointment?

Read Gen. 30:1-24 & 1 Cor. 1:27 | Choices can create disappointment

7) List some of the wrong actions and corresponding heart issues that brought pain to this family.

8) Why would God choose such broken people to build a nation to bless the world? How does this help your perspective as members of God's family now?

9) Where have I placed unreasonable expectations of perfection on people (or maybe myself)?

Read Gen. 30:35-31:17 | God is at work during disappointment

10) How did both Jacob and Laban scheme to increase their flocks? What verses show that Jacob in the end finally gave God glory for any successes?

11) Read Isaiah 30:15 and ask God "Where am I trusting in my own plans and effort, rather than turning to you?"

12) Give verses in Genesis 31 that show how Jacob praised God and resolved his disappointment over unjust treatment.

13) How is Jacob's response to mistreatment similar to Jesus' response at his arrest (Hebrews 12:3, Matthew 26:53-54)?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

1) Lord, "What hardships are you using to shape me? How can I cooperate?"

2) Lord, "Am I harboring bitterness because of a disappointment? What steps can I take to confess my bitterness and trust in your plan?"

For Further study

1) What eternal honor did Leah receive through her fourth son (Matt 1:1-2)?