

GENESIS (30:25-31:55)  
Week's Reading: Genesis 29-31  
Discussion Guide, September 12, 2021

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. - John 10:9

**OPEN:**

- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
  - o What questions do you have?
  
- Can someone summarize what happened in our reading up to Genesis 31?

**READ and ASK: Genesis 31, Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Corinthians 15:1, Matthew 10:34-39**

- Why did Jacob decide to leave Laban to go back to Canaan?
  - o Why does Jacob leave without telling Laban?
  
- Is being deceptive ever ok? If so, when?
  
- Why did Laban go after Jacob?
  - o What do you think God's warning to Jacob meant?
  
- Jacob ended up with wealth, not due to his own cleverness, but due to God's provision. How is this also true for us?
  
- It is clear that Jacob's presence with Laban brought Laban great blessing. How should a Christian's presence be a blessing to those they are around?
  
- Why do you think Rachel stole her father's "gods"? (just to get back at her dad? Because she also worshipped these gods? Something else?)
  
- Do you think this text is a good or bad example of how to resolve conflict?
  
- In verse 13 God reminds Jacob of the encounter at Bethel (Genesis 28:10-22). What is God reminding him of?
  - o What did God promise to Jacob? What did Jacob commit to God?
  
- How can trusting God bring division even among households?

**APPLY:**

- What have you found helpful when you face difficult challenges in life?
- What advice would you give Jacob on resolving his conflict with Laban?
  - o How well do you resolve conflict?
  - o How do you need to follow your own advice?
- What promises of God do you need reminded of?
  - o What commitments to God have you made that you need to recenter on?
- What is a needed lesson for you from this text?
- How do you need to be more committed to Jesus than any other relationship? (even if it causes conflict)
- NEXT STEP(S): How do you need to see your presence as a Spirit filled person as a means of blessing to all those you encounter?

Memory Work:

let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 6:16

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis 32-36