

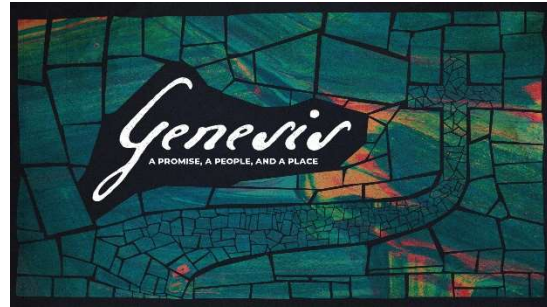
Sermon Discussion Guide

Date: March 24, 2024

Text: Genesis 28:10 – 33:20

Preacher: Hector

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: God is Preparing Us for His Promises

Our passage this week is lengthy, 5 chapters, 197 verses, spanning 20 years of Jacob's life. It begins with Jacob's departure from the land in fear of Esau and concludes with his return to the land, reconciling with Esau. During this time, the Lord was at work in each step and season, discipling and transforming Jacob from deceiver to reconciler, from a taker to a blessing, from selfish to thankful. From one angle, all of the events seem "ordinary" in some respects, but God is the one who has a history of using what may seem ordinary to us, to be the context that over time that transforms our hearts in every arena of life. Such a transforming work is accomplished through God's abiding presence throughout the passage, and in our own lives as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Christ is Lord over all (*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things* Ro. 11:36.) His aim is to transform us to live lives in such a way that declares his supremacy in all arenas of life.
- Look over the following areas of Jacob's life and consider which ones stand out to you as the area where you sense the Lord calling you to grow in.
- Work your way through the group to see which area for each person seems most relevant, and then focus the discussion around the 2-3 most common.

Categories:

1. **The Presence & Nearness of Christ** (Genesis 28:10-22)
2. **Love** (Genesis 29:1-14)
3. **Injustice** (Genesis 29:15-30)
4. **Family** (Genesis 29:31 - 30:24)
5. **Work** (Genesis 30:25 - 31:16)
6. **Faith** (Genesis 31:17-55)
7. **Prayer** (Genesis 32:1-21)
8. **Reconciliation** (Genesis 33:1-20)

If it's helpful, you can ask the following questions for each category you land on:

- Where in the verses do you see the thematic category show up?
- What is the Lord teaching Jacob?
- How is the Lord teaching you through these verses?
- How does the "ordinary" become "extraordinary" with God's presence?
- What steps can you take this week to cultivate a transformed disposition to exalt Christ in this area?