

Year of Biblical Literacy Small Group Resource

Week 6 - Oct. 20th Sermon: Jacob: From Grasper to Being Grabbed: How God Transforms

Opening Prayer

Begin with a prayer, asking God to open your hearts and minds to His Word and guide your discussion.

Ice Breaker

Have everyone share briefly about a time they felt like they were wrestling or struggling with God over something in their life. What was that experience like?

Scripture Reading

Read Genesis 32:22-32 together as a group.

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon highlighted 4 phases of Jacob's life. What were they? Which phase do you relate to most right now in your own spiritual journey? Why?
2. How do you see God pursuing and working to transform Jacob throughout his story? Where have you experienced God pursuing you in similar ways?
3. Jacob's name change from "deceiver" to "Israel" (one who strives with God) marked a key turning point. How have you experienced God changing your identity or character over time?
4. What are some things you may need to "stop grasping" and surrender to God, like Jacob eventually did? What makes this difficult?

5. How can we as a group encourage each other to keep wrestling with God faithfully, even when it's challenging?

Application/Prayer

Take time to reflect quietly and write down one area where you sense God wants to transform you. Share with a partner and pray for each other.

Optional Follow-up: Encourage group members to read through Jacob's full story in Genesis 25-35 over the next week, noting how God works in his life.