



## INTRODUCTION

As Jacob flees from his brother, God appears to him in an incredible vision and with an amazing promise. Jacob learns that even in the times of trouble and uncertainty God is with him, for he is a God of grace.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?

## REVIEW

- Have someone read **Gen 27:41-28:22**
- What do we learn about Rebekah from her plot **27:42-46**?
- What is the significance of a stairway to heaven full of angels? Is God inviting Jacob to climb the ladder? Why or why not?
- Why doesn't God rebuke Jacob for all his sin?
- What strikes you about God's multifaceted promises to Jacob in **28:13-15**?
- What is good and what is not so good about Jacob's response in **28:16-22**?

## APPLICATION

- What perspective should Jacob's vision give us, especially when life is full of chaos and confusion?
- What role to angels play today? Perhaps read **Psalm 91:11-2** and **Hebrews 1:14**.
- In what way is God with us? Why is that important to affirm?
- God promises that "he will not leave us until he has accomplished what he has promised." What has he promised you?
- Describe the many instances of grace in this story.
- What does Jesus mean that Nathaniel will see angels ascending and descending on him (**John 1:50-51**)? In what way is Jesus the fulfilment of the vision Jacob saw?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?