



## INTRODUCTION

Jacob shows signs of spiritual maturity! After being cheated by his father-in-law again, Jacob looks to the Lord rather than his schemes for provision. The Lord provides and then calls Jacob back to Canaan. Jacob and his wives agree to obey the Lord and enjoy blessing from obedience.

## 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

- Read **Gen 30:25-31:16** (perhaps divide the passage)
- What do you think of Laban?
- How is Laban an example of a life without God?
- What do you think of Jacob from this passage?
- What do you think of his breeding strategy in vv37-42?
- What signs of godliness do you see in Jacob's life?
- What blessings do you see Jacob enjoying?

## APPLICATION

- What is idolatry? How do you see in Laban's life? What idols tempt you?
- Where can you find strength to overcome idolatry?
- Without any schemes or manipulation God blesses Jacob. Jacob formerly stole blessings, now he trusts God for them. How can you trust God for his blessings in your life?
- What are some places we can look to discern God's will for our life?
- The family finally comes together when they decide to follow God. What areas in your life/your family life could you more faithfully follow God?

## 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?