



## INTRODUCTION

As Jacob enters the Promised Land, he learns his estranged brother is riding to meet him with 400 men. In Jacob's dilemma we see how prayer helps in times of trouble and how faith and action go hand and hand.

## 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 32:1-21**
- Why do angels meet Jacob (v1)? How should he have responded to this encounter?
- Why does Jacob refer to God as the God of Abraham and Isaac (v9)?
- Why does Jacob tell God what God promised to do for him (v12)?
- Is Jacob being faithless or wise in sending gifts ahead to Esau?

## APPLICATION

- Does Jacob's encounter with the angels have any relevance for us?
- What strikes you about Jacob's prayer? What aspects of his prayer might help you in your prayers?
- What role does Scripture have in prayer?
- Many are very religious, but don't pray. Discuss your struggles with prayer. What steps can you make this week to grow in prayer?
- Does trust in God lead to passivity or action? Discuss.

## 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?