



INTRODUCTION

Jacob and family settle in Shechem, not Bethel where God has called him. That compromise leads to a disaster of epic proportion. Sin abound in the world and the people of God. Showing us once again our great need for God's 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

- Read **Gen 34**
- Why do you think this story is in the Bible?
- What do you think of Shechem's desire for Dinah?
- Why do you make of Jacob's silence (**v5**)?
- What do we learn about the world from this passage?
- What do you think of Simeon's and Levi's act?

APPLICATION

- How can religious activity be a cover-up for sin?
- Have you experienced the consequences of half-hearted obedience?
- Why is marrying outside the faith sinful? What are the potential consequences for such an act?
- What is vengeance? Why are we to leave it to God? Perhaps see Rom 12:19.
- What do we learn about God from Gen 35:1?
- Has God ever called you to himself after you made a mess of your life? Discuss.
- Where are you stopping short of complete obedience to 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?