



Genesis 28

Getting Started

What is a recent dream you had that you remember?

Discussion

What stood out to you from the sermon this weekend?

What stands out to you from Jacob and Esau's origin story in Genesis 25-27? What questions does it cause you to have?

How could God ever be so committed to a man like Jacob who has deceived and lied to take what wasn't his? What words would you use to describe a God like this?

What are some other "unlikely characters" that God uses in the Bible to move his plans and purposes forward? Why does God use people like this?

Have you ever had a season of your life where God felt distant or silent? In hindsight, what do you think contributed to that?

Where is a place where you sense God's presence...like when you are there God feels as close as he's ever felt?

Prayer

Pray through any requests and share any answers to prayer from this week.

Read James 1:17 out loud. Then take time and go around the group and have everyone share 2-3 ordinary things (a grill, a hug, cereal, etc.) that they are thankful for. Pray for grace to notice God in unexpected places this week.

As you go

Make a choice to pursue God's presence this week, to notice Him in places and circumstances when you wouldn't otherwise...a conversation, a sunrise, a difficult moment where he sustains you, etc. Make it your goal to notice and to thank God for his promised closeness to you.

