

# SMALL GROUPS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Spring Semester - Week 6

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*Remember, these questions are just tools for discussion. You don't need to 'get through them all'. Use the questions that are helpful, skip the ones that are not, and let the conversation flow naturally.*

#### OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER(S)

- a) What would you change if you could change one thing about your living space?
- b) Did you celebrate Mother's Day? What was Mother's day like for you?

#### PASSAGE AND DISCUSSION

##### Read Genesis 27:41-28:9

- a) What stands out after reading this passage?
- b) In this passage, we see that Rebekah became caught in a web of lies. How does deception become a way of life when you get stuck in that habit? How should we live as Christians regarding this?
- c) Read **Romans 8:28**. Can anything derail God's ultimate purpose/plans? Does this give you hope? Why or why not?
- d) Read **Colossians 3:12-15** and **Romans 8:28-30**. Why do you think God created you? How do these verses describe His ultimate purpose for our relationship with Him?
- e) Read **Job 42:2**. Discuss God's sovereignty over history. The past, the present, and the future are all the same to Him. What does this mean for our lives?
- f) How would you define redemption? How does God redeem Rebekah's deceitful actions?
- g) Read **Acts 2:23** and **Romans 8:31-32**. How was God sovereign over the death of Jesus on the cross?
- h) How does the fact that God has ordained every detail of your life comfort you and give you hope for the present and the future?
- i) Do you grumble often towards God for the troubles you're facing in life? Do you think this is a proper response in the face of trials? Why or why not?

- j) Read **James 1:2-4**. What is the ultimate purpose of trials in the life of the Christian? How is Jesus our example?
- k) Read **2 Chronicles 7:14**. Why do you think the Sovereign God wants His people to pray? Are our prayers part of God's sovereign will/plan? Why or why not?
- l) Read **Philippians 2:12-15**. What is sanctification? What does it mean for the life of a believer? Why does God want us to be sanctified?
- m) Reflect on the statement, "You are here because God is sovereign." How does this perspective influence your view of your life circumstances?
- n) How do you respond to the assertion that nothing can thwart the sovereign purposes of God? Do you find comfort or challenge in this belief?
- o) Is Jesus Christ the centre of your life? Does your life reflect that to others? How can you give Him greater importance in your life?
- p) If you have not yet made Jesus the centre of your life, what is holding you back from Him? Would you like to invite Him into your life today, accepting Him as your Saviour and Lord?

### **TAKE IT HOME (OPTIONAL IDEAS FOR RESPONSE THIS WEEK)**

- a) Take time to reflect on **Romans 10:1** as a prayer for your family. Consider committing this verse to memory and using it to pray for your family regularly.

### **OPTIONAL IDEAS FOR PRAYER TIME**

- a) Take time to focus on God's amazing, praise-worthy attributes. Worship, praise, and thank Him for who he is.
- b) Take a moment to ask God to reveal areas in our lives where we struggle to trust in His power and provision.