



# FIRST GROUP



## CATCHING UP

- Has anything new or exciting happened in your life since the last time we gathered?
- What was one blessing you experienced this week?
- What was one trial you experienced this week?

## WEEKEND RECAP

- What was one takeaway from this weekend's message that stuck out to you?
- Have you had an opportunity to apply the lesson from Sunday over the last few days?

## VIDEO THOUGHTS

- What "if...then" statements do you remember hearing as a kid? Do you still use them today? On others? On yourself?
- What childish "deals" do you recall making with God? How did they turn out?
- What made Jacob run in the first place?
- What is so remarkable in God's display of grace?

- Would it be hard for you to bless someone who's done so many bad things? Why or why not?
- What do you think of Jacob's reply upon awakening (v 16-17)? His actions the next morning (v 18-19)?

## DIVING DEEP

- God talked to Jacob in a dream. Do you think God still speaks through dreams? What are the dangers and benefits of relying on dreams for guidance?
- Read Genesis 28:15. It sounds like a comforting promise but there's a catch. "I will not leave you until..." Until? Does God leave us? What do you think this verse means?
- How does Jacob's vow (v 20-22) strike you: mere bargaining chip, unworthy of God? Or growing trust, apropos for Jacob? Or conversion event, radical for Jacob?

## CONCLUSION

- How can we pray for each other?
- How can we support each other in other ways?