

GENESIS 34

“DOMINO EFFECT”

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 THE HEART DOMINO EFFECT

- Read Genesis 33:15-20 and 34:1-4. Jacob did not fully obey the Lord. What were the effects of his disobedience?
- Compare Genesis 34:2-3 with James 1:14-15. According to James, what is the domino effect of sin?
- Jeremiah 17:9 says the “heart is desperately sick and deceitful above all things.” What does that mean and why must we have our hearts be changed by Jesus?

#2 THE HOME DOMINO EFFECT

- Read Genesis 34:5-24. How did Jacob’s decisions affect his family?
- There is a famous expression that says “Home is where the heart is.” The truth is, “Home is where the Lord is.” Why is it important to be where God wants us to be and not where we want to be?
- In this story, Dinah appears to go out on her own, which was a big no-no in this culture. Jacob’s sons also appear to be in control as Jacob passively sits in the background while they deceive Hamor and Shechem. How did Jacob fail to lead his family?
- What does spiritual leadership in the home look like and why is it so important?

#3 THE HUMAN DOMINO EFFECT

- Read Genesis 34:25-31. This entire chapter shows the depravity of humanity. How do you see the domino effect of sin on display?
- In our lives, we can either leave a domino effect of sin, or a domino effect of righteousness. In this story, what should Jacob and his sons have done differently? How could they have brought God into the situation and had a more positive effect?
- When Adam and Eve committed the first sin, every human being, that has been or ever will be born, is born with a sin nature. Thankfully, Jesus came and reversed the curse. Through Him and Him alone, we can be forgiven and declared righteous before God (e.g. 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21) and then used by God (e.g. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20). Have you embraced Jesus Christ? If so, what is your testimony and how are you being used of God to bring His Kingdom to those around you?