

### The Heart of the Matter

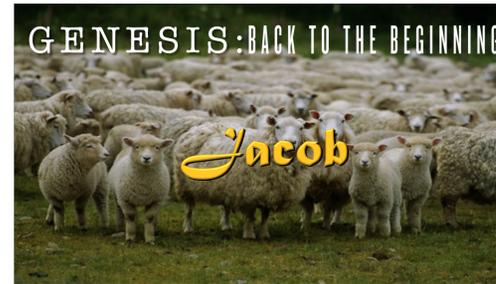
12. When was the last time you acted rashly towards another person? What was going on in the situation that brought you to this action? Did you feel vindicated?

13. In your own life, when do you need to make sure that your anger does not get the best of you? How can we as a group help and pray for you?

14. Do you think that revenge or retaliation is ever a legitimate response for the Christian? How does your desire for revenge affect you and your faith in God?

15. What is God showing you through this study?

### Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### Overcoming Revenge and Retaliation Genesis 34:1-31 For the Week of January 29, 2023

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Would you rather be a big brother, or have a big brother?
3. Share a time when a brother or sister stuck up for you.

### **Digging Deeper**

4. What do you think were the real reasons why Dinah went into pagan territory unescorted?

5. What does Jacob's lack of action, and leaving the problem to his sons, show about Jacob's leadership?

6. Why was Hamor so willing to make peace with Jacob? What would have become of the future nation of Israel if they joined with the pagans?

7. Who was more honest in the negotiations between the Israelites and the Canaanites? What motivated the Canaanites to make an agreement with Jacob so quickly?

8. What does the offer of circumcision to the Canaanites show about Jacob's son's regard for the sign of the covenant?

9. What were the motives of Jacob's sons when they killed the Canaanites? What should they have done instead?

10. Jacob did not rebuke his sons. What was his major concern?

11. God is not mentioned in this whole passage. How is all this an example of what can go wrong when we fail to consult God about our actions and desires?