

The Heart of the Matter

12. What seems to be the overarching lessons we can learn from Jacob's life?

14. What obstacles do you face when you are preparing to worship?

15. What has been the most moving worship experience you have ever had?

16. How do you need to worship God right now? What is the basis for your worship of God?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Preparing to Worship - Part 2 Genesis 35:1-22 For the Week of February 12, 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. What was a situation that you were in where you felt everyone's eyes were on you?
3. Who is the closest person to you whom you have lost?

Digging Deeper

4. In verse 5 what do you think the people in the neighboring cities were thinking as Jacob came near?

5. In verses 6-7 what are the implications of Jacob's returning to the place where he had met God before at Bethel? (Genesis 28:10-22)

6. In verse 8, how might the death of Deborah affected everyone in the camp? Rachel? Leah? Jacob?

7. In verses 9-10 what is significant about Jacob's name change to Israel? Didn't this event already take place in chapter 32:28?

8. What are the three things that God promises Jacob in verses 11-15? How are they similar to what God promised Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?

9. How would you contrast the joy and grief that are found in verses 16-21?

10. How hurtful do you think it was to Jacob when Reuben sinned the way he did in verse 22?

11. In verses 16-21 how difficult do you think it would have been for Jacob to be able to worship after all that he had been through?