



Jacob Pt. 7: Grappling With God

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Genesis 32

Community Group Questions

- 1. ICE BREAKER:** Share your most memorable fight. Who? When? Who won?
- 2. Retell the story of Genesis 32 as a group. (see if you can do it without reading it)**
 1. Why is Jacob alone?
 2. Where is his family?
 3. What is behind him that created fear of going back?
 4. What is in front of him that creates so much fear of going forward?
- 3. Diagnose what is wrong/right with Jacob's mind to divide up his entire life and family into two groups? Which group do you think Leah was in? What about Rachel? (Read: Genesis 32:6-8)**
- 4. Why did God change Jacob's name? Why not just give him a lecture and rebuke him? Why was it so important that Jacob is physically forced to say his own name out loud?**
- 5. Remember the "themes" and "patterns" of life we discussed last week?**
 1. In light of the patterns in your life, if God were to change your name, what might He change it to?
 2. Have you wrestled with God? What happened? Compare/Contrast your wrestling with God to Jacob's.
- 6. What is one thing God is asking you to stop doing, start doing, and/or keep doing?**
- 7. How did God use this message to teach, train, challenge, encourage, or equip you?**

Prayer Focus: Pray for wisdom for our elders as they navigate the growth and promote the health of our church.