

Home Group Study Guide

Be You - "The God of Jacob"



ICEBREAKER:

Our new 4-week sermon series is all about the biblical Jacob. The name Jacob literally means "heel grabber," "supplanter," and "deceiver." What is your given name and what does your name mean? (If you don't know, you have permission to look it up on a smart phone then share it with your group). Do you think that your name meaning is accurate about you?



THINK & READ:

Let's take a look at the story of Jacob, starting before he was even born.

Have someone read Genesis 25:21-26.

Even in the womb, Jacob was competing with his brother Esau. He was literally grabbing his brother's heel when they were born, as Jacob tried desperately to be the first born.

Have you ever had any sibling rivalry?

What are you still grabbing at that you need to let go of?

Have someone read Genesis 27:15-23

When have you ever pretended to be someone else? Or faked your way into something?

Have you ever tried really hard to get something but once you got it you couldn't even enjoy it?

Are there areas of your life now in which you are faking it? What purpose does that serve?

God cannot bless who you pretend to be. How have you asked God to bless "false" parts of yourself? (like when Jacob pretended to be Esau and asked for his father Isaac's blessing)

Who are you trying to get the approval of?

Have someone read Genesis 32:22-29

How have you wrestled with or how are you currently wrestling with God?

Where do I see myself in Jacob's story? (Am I like Isaac? Rebekah? Esau? Jacob?)

After wrestling with God all night long (even though he was over 90 years old), Jacob was given a new name, Israel.

What is your new name in Christ? Who does God say that you are?



PRAYER:

Pray for this new season of Home Groups. Take prayer requests from your group and then take time to pray out loud for your group and their requests.