



June 22-23, 2024

Opening Conversation Starters

- Share a meal together.
- Share an experience from your daily devotions (How is God at work in your life?)
- Share a takeaway from the Weekend Message (What has God been saying?)

Discussion Questions from Weekend Message (To help you hear *and* practice)

- Have you ever had someone try to buy your love or affection?
- Read [Genesis 32:3-21](#). Jacob and Esau have been apart for 20 years since Jacob stole his birthright and blessing. Do you think Jacob's wounds have healed? What does this tell us about time healing all wounds?
- In verses 6-8, Esau is coming to meet Jacob with 400 men. Why do you think he is bringing all these men? Intimidation? To have a party? What does Jacob feel about this?
- In verses 9-12 Jacob prays to God. What is good about this prayer? Does it seem desperate? Does it seem selfish?
- Read [Genesis 32:22-31](#). Pastor Scott said that Jacob shows humility. How does God use the events in the following verses to humble Jacob: 4-5, 13-16, 22-31?
- Read [Genesis 33:1-17](#). Pastor Scott said Esau gives mercy. Where do you see evidence of this? (see 33:4, 9, 12, 15) Do you think Esau had forgiven Jacob? Why or why not?
- Read [Luke 6:36-38](#). Is it always right to forgive? Does forgiveness guarantee a restored relationship?
- How does Jacob's decision in 33:16-17 affect the brother's prospects of reconciling their relationship?
- How does [Romans 12:18](#) direct us when a relationship seems to be unreconcilable?

Prayer Time

Pray for any broken relationships represented in your group. Pray that you might be agents of reconciliation.

Rhythms of Discipleship



Giving blessings is a big part of this story. Affirming and blessing those in your life is an important way to celebrate them and God, who made them. Consider closing your meeting by blessing each other. For help go to our [Life Groups Website](#), [Leader Helps](#), [7 Rhythms](#), [Celebration](#).