

JACOB

Genesis 32:24-31

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. YOU NEED TO HEAR THE BLESSING THAT REALLY SATISFIES
2. YOU NEED TO RECEIVE THE WOUND THAT REALLY HEALS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. This week we took a look at Jacob's life and his encounter with God in Genesis 32. Is there anything from Jacob's life that you personally relate to?
3. Last week we saw how amazing and uplifting an encounter with God can be as we grow in our understanding of God's love. This week we saw how an encounter with God can sometimes feel like a wrestling match and leave you wounded. How are these encounters different from one another? How are they similar? What has been your experience with each?
4. Jacob looked for satisfaction in his father's blessing, his wife and his wealth. But even though he kept getting what he wanted he never got what he needed until encountering God. Where do you tend to look for satisfaction outside of God?
5. In the life of Jacob, and all through the Bible, we see that the wounds of God are wounds that ultimately heal. Describe a time when you experienced the healing of God and the wounding of God at the same time.
6. A relativist might look at Jacob's life and say, "Look at how bad your childhood was! None of your issues in life are your fault. All you need is healing." A moralist might look at Jacob's life and say, "No one has a perfect life. You just need to try harder and do better." How is Christianity different?
7. Jacob left his encounter with God with a limp. In the same way, no one swaggers away from the cross. How has the gospel wounded you? How has it healed you?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: When God looks at you in Jesus, He says, "You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased."