

EVERYBODY'S GOT A HUNGRY HEART
(The Gospel According to Jacob- Part 3)

Life Group Questions for the Week of March 17, 2019

Genesis 29

LOOKING FOR _____ IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES:

Both Jacob & Leah tried to find worth in things _____

LESSONS FROM JACOB:

- The problem of _____

- In the end, all the "_____ " turn out to be "_____ "

LESSONS FROM LEAH:

- Who we're really hungry for is _____

- A _____ of the Gospel

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. Jacob had deceived his father Isaac. Later, Laban deceived Jacob. Can you name a time when you had something done to you that you had done to others? If so, how did it teach you, or did it?

3. What similarities/differences do you see in Jacob's deception of Isaac (Genesis 27:5-29) and Laban's deception of Jacob (Genesis 29:22-30)?

4. Polygamy was allowed by custom, but it was never God's original plan for marriage. The polygamy between Jacob and Leah, Rachel, concubines Bilhah and Zilpah created a hotbed of jealousy, strife and bitterness that bled into the next generation. Who do you think was at fault in this situation? Laban? Leah? Jacob? Rachel?

5. We saw how the birth of Leah's fourth child transforms her life. Read Gen.29:35. What seems to shift in her focus?

6. What or who do you put your trust in (family, money, career, health, etc.)? What changes do you need to make to your life to put your trust in Jesus? How do our own desires/lusts get in way of what God is doing in our lives?

7. Tim Keller says, "We always think we go to bed with Rachel, and in the morning we always find Leah." What idols in your life do you currently view as "Rachel" and know that God's word proves to be a "Leah"?

8. In a number of ways, Jacob underwent 20 years of discipline. Hebrews 4:4-11 helps us understand the importance of discipline in the Christ-follower's life. Read it and consider why God's usual method is "growth through discipline" rather than instant deliverance from problems.

9. In this passage we see Jacob so consumed with desire for Rachel that he hurts Leah. What in your life now is or has the potential to consume you so much that you love it to the extent that others are hurt?