

ILLUMINATED by Holy Spirit
SATURATED by God's Word
COMMUNICATED by God's Teacher

GENESIS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE BIG IDEA

Jacob has just received confirmation from God, that just like Abraham and Isaac, God would use him too. Only to endure being tricked when Jacob falls in love with Rachel, his cousin and works seven years for her hand in marriage just to be given the older sister, Leah, instead.

THE BIBLE

Jacob Meets Rachel:
GENESIS 29

QUESTIONS

- vs. 3-6: Do you think Jacob just "happened" upon people who knew his uncle? Do you believe things "just happen" in your life? How do you explain these "happenings"? How & where did you meet your spouse? How & where did your parents meet?
- vs. 20-26: Jacob had tricked his brother, Esau, (see ch. 27) and now his uncle "tricks" him. How do you think he felt being on the receiving end of the trickery? How do you feel when you are deceived? How does God feel about deception?
- vs. 30-31: The tale of two wives - Leah was just a pawn in her father's game. Have you ever felt like a "pawn" in the game of life?
- vs. 32-35: Leah expressed her distress by the naming of her children. How do you express your distress, disappointment or despair?

FURTHER STUDY NUGGETS

- Look up Proverbs 3:5-6 and study how God directs his children.
- Perspective Moment: Meditate on Job 26:7 and how a BIG GOD "hangs the earth upon nothing".
- Do a word study on the word "deceive".
- The book of Psalms is a beautiful picture of how David expressed himself to God. Look at different ways he showed the emotions that he was feeling.

THE FIVE

5 Verses For Discussion During Week

(Discipleship partner, around dinner table, on way to school in car, etc)



Monday
Romans 8:28

Tuesday
Philippians 1:12

Wednesday
Proverbs 16:9

Thursday
Romans 8:26

Friday
Ecclesiastes 3:1

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: 1 Corinthians 10:31

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."