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GENESIS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE BIG IDEA

Dinah was the innocent victim of assault in this account. She played the role of a pawn for both Shechem and his family along with her own family.

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THE BIBLE Genesis 34

QUESTIONS

Vs. 2-4 - Shechem's rash decision and action played out in this chapter in a way that impacted his life, family, and city.

- Question: Have you witnessed bad decision(s) that impacted the perpetrator, their family, and others for generations?

Vs. 5 - Jacob was the family patriarch, the spiritual leader of his family. One version states Jacob was silent. As the spiritual leader of the family, was Jacob absent? How could Jacob have responded that would be pleasing to God?

- Have you ever found yourself in a situation in which you felt like you were nothing more than a pawn? How did you feel in this situation?
- How does Scripture tell us to respond if we or a loved is bullied, mistreated or taken advantage of by someone? See Luke 6:27-29; Romans 12:20,21

Vs. 6-29 - Dinah's brothers' deceit to avenge her honor quickly moved from bad to worse. Romans 12:19 states, Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

- Question: Have you witnessed man's attempts to right or avenge some wrong? How did it go?

Vs. 30 - Jacob finally speaks. "Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have troubled me by making me obnoxious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and since I am few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and kill me. I shall be destroyed, my household and I." Jacob's words seem to indicate that he is more worried about his family name and self, rather than the sin that brought about this tragedy.

- Question: Have you ever witnessed real life examples of people being more worried about their name, reputation, or standing in their community than sin?
- Challenge to men: How effectively are you fulfilling your role as the spiritual leader in your home? What do you need to do to be the leader God wants you to be?

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