

BIBLICAL CHARACTERS

Their stories and what we can learn from them

Study Guide - Jacob

In looking at the life of Jacob, what story of his life intrigues you the most?

What character traits, good and bad, do you see in Jacob and his family?

What are some common dysfunctions in families?

We are often no different than Jacob. In what kinds of situations do we find it easiest to lie?
What do those situations tell us about what our hearts are craving?

Laura spoke about honor and honesty, noting that they go hand in hand. Have you been able to take an honest look at the hurts in your family or do you tend to cover them up?

What effect does this have on us if we bury these things?
What would it look like for you to address issues of the past?

Read Genesis 28:10-22
What is this story conveying?

What hope does it give you to know that God works even through our deceit and sinfulness to accomplish His plan?

Looking back, how have you seen God work through difficult situations and places where you have acted in an ungodly way?

How has your view of God the Father been skewed because of your earthly father?
As you listened to the song *Good, Good Father* what do you need to grasp most?

Pray together