

Sermon Study Questions

November 13, 2022

1. Read Genesis 29:1-35

2. What does Genesis tell us about the life of Jacob leading up to chapter 29? Is Jacob one of those Old Testament characters that we want to model our lives after? What does this tell us then about our God?

3. What are some of the ways that we see Jacob “taking matters into his own hands” in Genesis 29? Is there anything in your life where you might be tempted to “take matters into your own hands” instead of trusting in the promises of God that are true of us in Christ Jesus?

4. I mentioned in the sermon that Genesis 24 also involves a well, a journey, and future wife. However, there are key differences between that story and what we see in Genesis 29. What are some of the differences between these two stories?

5. Why is there some poetic justice ringing out in Laban’s words, “It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn (Verse 26)?” What is Jacob possibly realizing in this moment? What principal is playing out in Jacob’s life here?

6. If someone were to say to you, “Does the Bible condone polygamy? We obviously see it take place in Genesis 29!” How would you respond?

If someone were to say to you, “I can’t believe that this story is true. How in the world is it even possible that Jacob would wind up in bed the morning after his own wedding with the wrong woman?” How would you respond?

7. Iain Duguid says in his commentary on Genesis 29, “God’s grace had laid hold of Jacob in chapter 28. Now the rough, chiseling work of sanctification was in progress in Jacob’s life.” What do you think he means by this?

8. God makes a promise to Jacob in Genesis 28:14. God tells Jacob, “Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.” How is God faithful to this promise?

9. How is this principal of a man or woman reaping what they sow not as straight forward in the Christian life as one might think?

10. Pray!