

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## CONNECT

Each week, questions will be provided to help individuals and groups connect with the sermon and grow deeper in faith. The following questions, prompts and discussion points are meant to help guide both personal devotion and small group conversation. Be open and flexible to additional questions.

- It's week one! Take intentional time in your groups to get to know one another.
- Encourage everyone to share a highlight or lowlight from their week.
- Was there anything that caught your attention or challenged you from the message?

## GROW

- Read Genesis 32:1-32. Consider Lectio Divina. Wait. Read. Listen Obediently. Pray. Abide. What words or phrases stick out to you? Anything you noticed for the first time?
- Chair Time is giving 10 minutes of your day to be with Jesus. How is it going for you? Are you struggling? What, if any, "tools" or resources are you using to guide your time? Share with the group.
- In your personal life, can you relate to Jacob's struggle with the mysterious visitor - the angel of God? Who is that visitor for you?
- You may not be used to thinking symbolically, but our spiritual struggles or our religious experiences often give us new names. Meditate on one of your recent spiritual experiences and see if a new name might emerge for you.
- What does Jacob's prayer tell us about his fears? About his faith? About his pride? Can you relate to his prayer? How so?
- Consider Jacob's limp. Consider your own? Are there "limps" that God has blessed you with? Discuss as a group.
- Consider the word forgiveness. How is forgiveness the same and different from reconciliation? Is there anyone in your life that you need to forgive?

## PRAYER

**Spend intentional time together in prayer this week. Share prayer requests.**

*Group leaders, I would love to pray with you with you this week? Please ask the group if you can share prayer requests with the pastoral staff this week. Thanks! - Pastor Lyndsey*