

Food for thought

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The Gospel for Scoundrels

When God gives you a new name.

Genesis 32:22-32

Day 1 – Understanding the passage

Read Genesis 32:22-32

- What stands out to you in this passage or from the message?
- When dealing with something that is strange, look to context to help give clarity, rather than simply trying to figure it out from the passage itself. How do these passages help us understand our passage?
 - Genesis 32:1-2
 - Genesis 32:9-12
 - Genesis 28:10-22
 - Genesis 33:10-11
- The questions we have may not be the questions that get answered. The author shows us what is important for us to know.
 - What is the problem or tension point in this passage?
 - How does the tension get resolved?
 - How does following the plot lead us to the key idea in this section?
- What is the role of “blessing” in this passage?
- How is changing Jacob’s name to Israel significant for Jacob? For his family?
- State the main point of the entire passage in one sentence.

Day 2 – Taking stock of our lives

- What do you fear? What causes you anxiety?
- Why are you afraid of the things you are afraid of?
- Sometimes fear prevents us from acting in a way that God wants us to. How do your fears affect what you do or don’t do?
- What do your fears say about who you are?

Day 3 – Applying the Bible to our lives

- Who are you? How would you define yourself?
- How does God define who we are?
- Sometimes we live as though God doesn’t exist. Give examples of this.
- How does God definition of who we are change things for us?
- How can we live in the reality of who God says we are?

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