



PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Lesson 3: God Desires Reunion and Reconciliation For His People—Genesis 32–33

ENCOUNTER—Community Discussion

After reading the passage, take time to journal through the questions below. Don't feel like you have to answer all these questions. Wrestle with the text, and be prepared to share with your community.

*How is this God's story?
How is this others' story?*

*How is this my story?
How is this the world's story?*

PRAYER

God the Father, all powerful and ever-living being, we worship and thank You through Your Son Jesus Christ, Our Lord, for your presence and action in the world.

In the midst of disagreement and disunion, we know it is You, oh God, who turns our hearts and minds to thoughts of peace. Your Spirit converts our hearts: foes begin to speak to one another, those who were alienated and separated join hands in friendship, and countries and lands seek the way of peace together.

Your Spirit is at work when acceptance, support and partnership puts an end to conflict, when hatred is quenched by mercy, and retaliation gives way to forgiveness. For this we should never finish thanking You. We join with angels as they sing forever "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty!"

WEEKLY PRACTICE

Take time this week to make a list of at least three things that you wrestle with God about on a regular basis. Each day, pray about these three things. At the end of the week, or before you meet again, write a prayer to God telling Him why you are grateful that God is engaged in this wrestling with you.

BECOMING MY STORY

I Chronicles 16:27

Psalms 51:11

Exodus 33:14

Acts 3:19

Psalms 16:11

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Genesis 32–33, consider the following questions:

How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Genesis 32–33?

How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Genesis 32–33?

What is God saying to you through these passages?

Consider other passages you might know related to Genesis 32–33 and read them this week, journaling as you go.