



## FACILITATOR'S GUIDE—YOUTH

*Year 3—The God Who Pursues Relationship: A Story of God's People*

*Module 2—Genesis Part 2*

*Lesson 2: The Story of Jacob—Genesis 25:19—27:40*

### ENCOUNTER 1—Community Discussion

Read Genesis 25:19—27:40 together out loud as a group. Encourage each person to journal through the passage using these questions. After allowing sufficient time for reflection, invite the group to share their thoughts.

*How is this God's story?*

*How is this others' story?*

*How is this my story?*

*How is this the world's story?*

### ENCOUNTER 2—Community Discussion

(Read the biblical reflection included with this lesson. The questions are designed for your group to enter into a meaningful dialogue about the Scriptures. The bulleted teaching points are taken from the reflection and correspond to the questions.)

#### **GOD'S STORY**

*Is God's plan ever prevented?*

- Despite the human freedom that manifests itself in various forms of envy, deception, dishonesty and jealousy God's plan to fulfill God's covenant always remains intact.
- God, in God's supreme power, works through the human errors in order to accomplish God's plan or will.

*How would you explain the meaning of "God's will" to someone else?*

- God's will is that the world might be restored to its intended wholeness.

*What does God want, or call, the Church to be about?*

- God calls God's believers, the Church, to find ways to contextualize the gospel in order to bring the good news to the world.
- Jacob, although a man of deceit and crime, points to Jesus.

#### **OUR STORY**

*Why do you think Rebekah tricked her husband?*

- Her love for her son and her desire for her to be successful drives her beyond what her true love should be—a faithfulness and commitment to God living a different life—a holy life.

*What is the only way to avoid misplaced emotions?*

- The only way to avoid being consumed by misplaced emotions is to keep God first and to remain committed to the virtues of Jesus.

## OTHERS' STORY

*What are some ways that you think we can deal with family conflict?*

1. Identify the problem.
2. Listen well.
3. Dialogue, not monologue.
4. Choose a way forward.
5. Take action.
6. Find a neutral party to hold all parties accountable.
7. Make a memory when the conflict is resolved.

## THE WORLD'S STORY

*What did Jacob do to remember his special encounters with God?*

- Jacob was one who created monuments. At the Jabbok River Jacob created a monument to remember seeing God's face.
- This monument served future generations as a mark of Jacob's discovery. This monument served also as a reminder to all those who would come into contact with it that God had not forgotten the Israelites.

*What are some ways that we can help people build monuments?*

1. Serve together
2. Read/quote Scripture.
3. Steadfast living.
4. Search together.
5. Sacrifice.
6. Live with the Spirit.
7. Substantial living.

## PRAYER

(Lead your group in corporate prayer)

*God of our founding families, be with us today.*

*Calm the confusion and commotion in our hearts and minds.*

*Remove from us the resentment and anger, with which we can sometimes hurt and harm each other.*

*Help us depress the barricades we built around us which can sometimes isolate us from others.*

*Teach us to be still. Teach us to learn from your loving example. Help us adore, honor and respect You through our love for others.*

## WEEKLY PRACTICE

(Read the weekly practice out loud, and challenge your group to practice *missio* beyond today.)

In your lesson there were seven ways to help the people around you build a memory of their experience with God. Choose two of the seven ways from the list and put them into action between now and your next gathering.

## BECOMING MY STORY

(Encourage the group to spend time this week in God's Word, allowing it to penetrate their heart and life.)

*1 Peter 2:15*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

*Isaiah 30:21*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

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 25:19-27:40, consider the following questions:

*How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Genesis 25:19—27:40?*

*How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Genesis 25:19—27:40?*

*What is God saying to you through these passages?*

Consider other passages you might know related to Genesis 25:19-27:40 and read them this week, journaling as you go.