



Life Group
Sermon Guide Questions
16 NOVEMBER 2025



**A Camp;
a Fight;
and
*a Blessing***

GENESIS 32

Questions for Further Discussion: Read Genesis 32:1-32

Camp (Genesis 32:1-2)

- 1) Jacob encountered an encampment of angels at a crucial moment in his journey. When have you experienced God's presence during an uncertain time in your life?
- 2) The sermon mentioned that we have something even greater than what Jacob saw—the abiding presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit. How does knowing that Christ “tabernacles” within you change your perspective on current challenges?
- 3) Read Hebrews 1:14 and Psalm 91:11. What do these verses tell us about God's work in our daily lives?

The Preparation (Genesis 32:3-23)

- 4) Despite seeing God's angels, Jacob was still terrified of meeting Esau. Why do you think fear persisted even after this divine encounter? What does this tell us about the human condition?
- 5) Jacob tried to solve his problem through gifts, strategy, and appeasement. When have you tried to “fix” a situation through your own resources rather than trusting God? What was the result?

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6) Jacob sent everyone away and was left alone. Do you think God sometimes orchestrates moments of isolation so we can face Him directly? Share an example if you're comfortable.

The Fight (Genesis 32:24-29)

7) The sermon emphasized that God initiated the wrestling match—He came looking for a fight. Why would a loving God do this? What does this reveal about His character and His purposes for us?

8) When God asked Jacob his name, He was forcing him to confess who he really was: "the deceiver." Why is it necessary to confront our true identity and past failures before we can receive God's blessing?

9) The sermon stated: "You cannot know forgiveness until you know failure. You cannot get to the full joy of salvation without knowing how lost you are." How have you experienced this truth in your own spiritual journey?

10) Jacob saw God "face to face" and became aware of his own spiritual deformity in contrast to God's glory. When have you had a moment where you saw yourself clearly in light of God's holiness? How did it affect you?

The Blessing (Genesis 32:28-32)

11) God renamed Jacob "Israel" and declared that he had "prevailed"—even though he was injured, exhausted, and clinging desperately. How does this redefine what "victory" looks like in the Christian life?

12) Martyn Lloyd-Jones said a person of God "walks with a limp." What do you think this means? How is this different than our culture's definition of success and strength?

13) **Read Matthew 11:28–30** What does Jesus say about clinging to him?

Pray for each other:

- For courage to surrender instead of striving;
- For faith to see God's presence even in pain;
- For blessing through their own "limps."



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