

November 18th, 2017 Message Discussion Questions

Jacob – Genesis 29.31-30.24

OPTIONAL/REVIEW:

On Sunday we continued our series in the life of Jacob in Genesis 29.

- If people from your group were there ask them and have them share:
 - What was the main take away for you from Sunday's sermon?
 - What's going to/has changed for you this week as a result?

STUDY:

For the last few weeks we've deviate away from the sermon series and began digging into the "big picture plan of God"

1. So far we've dealt with 3 baseline questions: WHO IS GOD? WHO IS MAN? And WHO IS JESUS?

- As a group refresh your memory on what the main answers to these 3 questions are, and how they fit together as a story starting with the first question.

Today we will dig into answering the question: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

"To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with the immediate presence of God himself, and it therefore will result in feeling what God feels, desiring what God desires, doing what God wants, speaking by God's power, praying and ministering in God's strength, and knowing with the knowledge which God himself gives..."

- Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology

2. If you're comfortable sharing – what's been your understanding of what it means to "have the Holy Spirit" in the past? How does it line up with the paragraph above?

3. As a group read Ephesians 5.15-21

- What's everything we can deduce as true of being "filled with the spirit" based on this passage?

4. Now read Galatians 5.16-25

- In your own words – what's the difference between walking in the flesh and walking in the Spirit?
- What are some areas in your life that are hardest to "keep in step with the Spirit?" And what would it look like to do more of that this week?

5. Prayer:

- Pray specifically for an area this week that you'd like to walk in/be guided by the Spirit more closely in your own life.
- Find out what you can be praying for one another this week as well.