

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – Growing Up and Going Home

Focus

The Lord God faithfully saves and transforms a sinful people, turning them into His faithful people who live in His place under His rule.

Read

[Genesis 30:25-31:55](#)

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section?
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. In what ways does Jacob seem to be a changed man in this passage?

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2. In what ways might Ephesians 1:3-10 combined with Ephesians 2:1-10 help us understand Jacob's life? How does it help you understand your life?
3. Do you find any encouragement from what you see of Jacob here? How so?
4. What are some of the ways God has changed you since you were converted and put your faith in Christ? Do they mirror some of the ways God changed Jacob in this passage?
5. What are some of the parallels between Jacob's 'exodus' from Mesopotamia and the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt?
6. What message and application might Moses have been aiming at for his original audience with the writing of this passage?
7. How might you apply it to your life?
8. What are some of the false 'household gods' that hold sway over you at times? What would it look like for you to repent of that idolatry?
9. What is the *Fear of* [fill in your name]? (i.e., who or what is it that grips you and holds sway over your life?)
10. Read Titus 2:11-14. In what ways is God's grace in Jesus training you right now for which you would like prayer?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?

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2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?