



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

March 23, 2025
Genesis 32:1-32
“Wrestling with God”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Jacob calls out to God because of his fear of Esau. What does this suggest about the purpose of fears and feelings of desperation?
2. What can we learn from Jacob’s prayer and apply to our own prayer life? [verse 9-12: Call on the name of God, appeal to the promises of God, Acknowledge your unworthiness and God’s goodness, seek specific help]
3. Jacob asks God to be faithful to the promise made to Abraham, even though Jacob is unworthy of it. Why does God keep his promises even when his people fail?
4. Jacob intercedes on behalf of his family, seeking God’s protection. What does interceding for others in prayer have to do with the life of faith.
5. One purpose of Jacob’s wrestling was to bring him to the end of his strength. Why might this be a good thing?
6. The Story of Jacob wrestling with God results in a new name and identity for Jacob: Israel. What does this story of struggle reveal about the nature of God? About the nature of Jacob?
7. What connections do you see between the first Israel (Jacob) and the ultimate and True Israel (Jesus)?
8. This text says a lot about drawing near to God. How are you drawing near to God? How can we encourage one another to keep drawing near to Him?
9. Tony said the most important meeting of your day is with God. Are there any action steps to take to keep in alignment with this idea?