

GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

March 9, 2025 Genesis 29:31-30:24 "Unrelenting Grace that Redeems Dysfunction"

QUESTIONS

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

- 1. How does envy drive the decisions of Rachel and Leah? How can we handle envy in our own lives? Where are you struggling with envy?
- 2. How does Jacob respond to Rachel's plea for children (30:1-2)? What does this say about his understanding of God?
- 3. How does the desire for validation and approval manifest in this passage? How can we handle these desires in our lives? Are you struggling with this in any way?
- 4. Rachel and Leah's lives revolved around the pursuit of good things that had become ultimate things on the throne of their hearts. What are some of the good things that you have or that you are pursuing that too easily become ultimate things on the throne of your heart?
 - a. What is the thing in your life that if you could just get it would make your life full?
 - b. What is the thing that you fear that if you lose it or never get it would destroy your life?
 - c. Where do you find refuge, safety, comfort, escape, pleasure, security?
- 5. How does the concept of 'divine providence' appear throughout this passage?
- 6. Leah is unloved by her husband even though she is destined to be the mother of Israel's line of kings (Judah) and of the line of priests (Levi). How are Christians to understand the providence of God in this situation? How are we to consider the unloved and disregarded within the story of Scripture? Are they truly forgotten?
- 7. Jesus comes from the line of the unloved Leah rather than desired Rachel. Whom he comes from reveals whom he came for. What does this reality show us about the gospel?