

SERMON: Drama and Grace in God's Family **SERIES:** Jacob: Seeking True Blessings

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 29:31-30:24

SPEAKER: Pastor Mark

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THE GOAL: The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS: Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

REVIEW: Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

Observation: as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

Interpretation: answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

Application: answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God (his grace? love? holiness?) and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

GO DEEPER: Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. God loves the unloved and the unlovely. How does the story of Leah demonstrate this truth? How does this truth encourage you? Have you ever felt unloved? How does the cross prove that God loves you even when you were unlovely (Read Romans 5:8).
2. The idols of our hearts will always leave us unsatisfied. Can you identify the idols of your heart? In what way have they left you unsatisfied? Can you see how the failure of your idols to satisfy is also God's grace.
3. God shows his grace when we least expect it and least deserve it. Where have you recently been surprised by God's grace in your life?
4. How can Christ's love for the unlovely shine through you this week? Be specific.

Pray: Praise God for his love of the unlovely. Confess ways that you have sought satisfaction from idols rather than from Christ alone. Ask God to show you how his grace is at work in your life.