

### The Heart of the Matter

13. In what ways did you once behave like one of Isaac's family members?

14. In what sense are (or were) you running from your past?

15. In Genesis 28:20-21, Jacob makes a vow with God. What kind of vow or commitment have you made with God in the past? What kind of commitment do you need to make with Him right now?

16. What do you need to do right now to respond to God's voice in your life?

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## Life Group Study Guide

### Climbing Jacob's Ladder Genesis 27:42-28:22 For the Week of May 20, 2018

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Which grade school or high school "friend" did you once fear? How did you avoid trouble with this person?
3. Share a special time when you believe that you made a special connection with God. Where were you and what was going on in your life?

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### **Digging Deeper**

4. If there was any doubt about Jacob's lack of integrity in stealing the blessing from Esau (27:1-40), what do the actions of the people here in this account tell you? Who else is now implicated?

5. Given Jacob's homebound nature (25:27ff), how was he persuaded to finally leave home?

6. After receiving his father's blessing, which gave Jacob wealth and power, Jacob was forced to leave it all behind and go labor and serve in a foreign land. What characteristic of God do we see at work here?

7. How was Jacob's way of finding a wife different from his father's? How did you find your mate?

8. What has brought about the reality that Jacob now finds that he is homeless, landless, aimless, sleepless, friendless and lonely in 28:10-11?

9. What is so remarkable about God's display of grace to Jacob in 28:12-15?

10. What does the ladder with the angels going up and down illustrate about God's kingdom? (John 1:45-51)

11. What comfort does Jacob receive from this vision? Why did he need comfort?

12. Why should we give some of our increase back to God as Jacob promised to do?