

### The Heart of the Matter

12. In what sense are you giving credit where credit is due for the good things that happen to you?

13. Even though Jacob is a constant schemer, God continues to bless him despite his flawed character. Why is that? What hope does that carry for you?

14. If you could advise Laban what would you tell him to do about his relationship with Jacob? How does this same advice apply to your relationships?

15. What is the most important message that God has for you through this passage?

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## Life Group Study Guide

### All In The Family Genesis 30:25 - 31:21 For the Week of June 10, 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. How do you measure success?

3. Did you ever have a boss that treated you the way Laban treated Jacob? How did it go?

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### **Digging Deeper**

4. List the ways God told Jacob it was time to return home. Did you ever need to just go home? What happened?

5. Why were Jacob's in-laws not as happy as they once were with Jacob's presence?

6. There is more to this story than meets the eye. Knowing his scheming son-in-law as he does, what precautions does Laban take (30:35-36) after agreeing with the plan? (30:34)

7. How do we know that Laban likely saw through Jacob's scheme? (30:31-33)

8. To the casual observer, what seems to be the cause and effect of Jacob's increase in flocks?

9. To the eye of faith, what is the secret of Jacob's phenomenal success? (31:9-12)

10. Why was it important for Jacob to communicate to his wives about his trouble with Laban?

11. What is a modern equivalent of the livestock in this account? How does that comparison give the account more meaning to you?