

The Heart of the Matter

13. When is it easy for you to forgive others? When is it more difficult?

14. Share a happy event in your life when you received forgiveness unexpectedly or unsolicited?

15. Like Esau, what “gift” from someone are you having difficulty accepting?

16. The accounts of the patriarchs frequently describe special places or sites these men devote to God. What place holds special meaning in your life?

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Life Group Study Guide

Praying for Deliverance Genesis 33:1-20 For the Week of July 1, 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. Share a situation where you were greatly humbled.
3. What dreaded family reunion turned out better than you expected?

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Digging Deeper

4. How would you judge the overall success of Jacob and Esau's meeting?

5. In what sense is Esau like the prodigal son's father and Jacob like the prodigal son in Luke 15?

6. Do you think Esau has forgiven Jacob for his earlier deceptions? How do you know?

7. Do you think Jacob has reason to believe that he has been forgiven by Esau? (Compare 33:10b with 32:30. What does Jacob see in Esau?)

8. What do you make of Jacob refusing Esau's offer to travel with him or send along some of his men for protection?

9. Through this event how has the relationship between Jacob and Esau changed?

10. How does Jacob acknowledge God throughout this whole account?

11. What do you think Jacob's wives and children are thinking?

12. How is Esau like Jesus Christ here?