

Genesis 33-36 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Gen 34:8-17 what was Hamor's request (v8, 9) and offer (v10, 11-12)? How did Jacob's sons respond (v13, 14-17)? How does this strike you?

5. In 34:18-30 why was Hamor able to get the men to agree to circumcision (v18-19, 20-21, 22-23)? What happened when they did (v24, 25-26, 27-29, 31) and how did Jacob react (v30)?

6. Looking at 35:1-8 what did God tell Jacob (v1) and how did he respond (v2-4, 6-7)? Apply. How did God protect them (v5) and what else happened there (v8)?

7. Read 35:9-15. What did God then do at Bethel (v9, 10, 11-12, 13) and what was Jacob's response (v14-15)? Why do you think he responded that way?

8. Using 35:16-22a what occurred after Bethel (v16-17, 18-19) and what was the son's name (v18)? What did Jacob do then (v20, 21) and what disgraceful thing happened (v22)?

9. From 35:22b-29. List the twelve sons of Jacob by mothers (v23, 24, 25, 26). Where did Jacob go next (v27) and what occurred (v28-29)? How old was Isaac when he died (v28)?

10. In 36:1-43 whose descendants are listed (v1)? Who were his wives (v2-3), where did eventually live, and why (v6-8)? What did Edom have before Israel (v31)?

11. Review the traumatic events in these chapters (33:1-17; 34:1-2, 18-34; 35:5-8, 16-21, 22, 28-29; 33:6-8). How does Jacob react and where do you see his growth (35:1-15)?

Scripture to Remember

“Let us arise and go to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of distress, and has been with me wherever I have gone.”

Genesis 35:3 (NASV)

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One Month to Live Group Questions—Life With No Regrets

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share about the time in your life when you were first in love and what that was like. Then, talk about the time you have felt most in love with God and what it was like.
2. What is “lust” and how does it pervert love? Why is love necessary spread the Gospel, to unite the Church, and to bind marriage and other relationships together?
3. Why does a failure of integrity rob the passion from our lives? How does Satan deceive us in the areas of conviction/beliefs, compartmentalization, and communication?
4. Discuss why forgiveness is one of the most important issues for being fully alive. What are some symptoms of unforgiveness? Who do you need to forgive today?
5. Talk about why it is so important to have enthusiasm and what drags you down in this area most often. Practically, how can you allow God's Spirit to fill you regularly?
6. Share with the group one or two big things you will change in your life as a result of this study.



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Introduction to Genesis 33-36

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

“MySpace”, the hugely popular social networking website, captures a fundamental truth—everyone wants their space because it allows them freedom to express who they really are. This is illustrated by Jacob’s life in this week’s study. In three different ways he gets his “space”, but only one of them is worth imitating. In the first section Jacob finally has his long-dreaded meeting with Esau who had wanted to kill him when he left twenty years before. When Jacob left Penuel and rejoined his group he saw Esau approaching with four hundred men. He divided his family into several groups and when Esau got to him he bowed before him seven times. Esau, however, had released his grudge; he kissed Jacob, met his family, wanted to know why all the gifts had

come his way, and invited Jacob to join him. Jacob, though, wanted his space and determined to gain it by withdrawing from others—namely Esau. This basic fear brought on by poor choices had become a pattern in his life and being away from others was comfortable for Jacob. So, he and his family went on and finally settled in Shechem. Once his family, especially his daughter, Dinah, began to socialize with the locals, trouble ensued. The young Canaanite leader, Shechem, was so attracted to her that he raped her and then offered to marry her. However, Jacob’s sons were so incensed that they deceived the Shechemites into getting circumcised for Dinah’s hand in marriage; then, Simeon and Levi killed all of them with



God provided a foundation of faith for Israel through their first three leaders.

the sword. Thus, their warring with enemies forced them to leave and created more space for them. Finally, Jacob was commanded to return to Bethel to build an altar. The only space worth having was then created by his walking with God. Unfortunately, Deborah, Rachel and Isaac all died and Reuben disgracefully lay with Jacob’s concubine. This would remove Reuben from the position of first-born later on. Finally, Esau created his space by moving to another country. As is still obvious today, everyone wanted his own space.

Daily Study Questions for Genesis 33-36

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Genesis 33:1-9. Describe Jacob and Esau’s meeting (v1-3, 4). What did Esau want to know (v5, 8) and how did Jacob answer (v5-7, 8)? What was Esau’s overall response (v4, 9)? Apply.</p>	
<p>2. From 33:10-20 what was Jacob’s focus with Esau (v10, 11)? What was Esau’s offer (v12, 15) and Jacob’s reaction (v13-14, 16-17)? Why? Where did Jacob settle (v18-19) and then do (v20)?</p>	
<p>3. Using 34:1-7 what repulsive thing occurred (v2) and why (v1, 3)? What did Shechem ask (v4)? How did everyone react to this rape (v5, 6, 7)?</p>	

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