

# blessing of breaking

## Small Group Discussion

### Table Turning Transformations

Story of Jacob Week 7: Genesis 31

#### Getting Started

- Can you relate to the man pushing against the rock? Maybe in a relationship, at work, in your prayer life—if you're willing share that experience with the group.

#### Static Questions

- **What was the passage about?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main *points* of the passage.
- **What did you learn?**
  - What did the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Was there a promise or command or a warning?
  - What is the big idea of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **How will you apply it?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this message?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

#### From the Teaching this Morning

- In this passage we begin to see Jacob as a transformed man. Giving God credit, putting his faith in him, leading his family. That said, he is still growing and struggling. In what way do Jacob and Rachel demonstrate that they are not yet fully trusting God?
- Enough is enough. In Genesis 31.36–42 we see 20 years of being taken advantage of, cheated, and abused explode forth in a storm of indignation. He effectively brings forth a lawsuit against Laban. What principles might we learn from Jacob's speech that could guide us when it is time to speak up on behalf of ourselves or others?

#### Application Questions

- Reflect on this past year. A year full of challenges and uncertainty. Looking back can you see how God was with you in the midst of the trial?
- It may be that you are in year 17 of Laban's University. You are still pushing that rock and not seeing any fruit or hope of relief. How might this lesson from Jacob's life about God's faithfulness and protection comfort you?

