

# blessing of breaking

## Small Group Discussion

### Womb Wars II—Attack of the Deceivers

Story of Jacob Week 2: Genesis 26.34–28.9

#### Getting Started

- Think about a time when you tried to recast a story in a way that emphasized the positive. Did you feel as though that was dishonest? Would the truth have conveyed a more powerful point?
- In the hierarchy of how sins get under your skin, where does lying rate? Why is it that so many feel as though lying is far worse than the offense the person may be attempting to cover?

#### 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

- Jacob and Rebekah use deception, manipulation, and taking advantage of Isaac's disability in order to obtain the blessing. Knowing that Jacob was the one who God intended to receive the blessing, were they wrong to use these things? Is there a situation where deceit is acceptable? Why or why not?
- In this passage we see four people striving and struggling to achieve their own desires. Where is the line in trusting God's sovereignty to accomplish his promises and our striving to participate? How can Genesis 27 serve as a cautionary tale as to where that line might lie?

#### Application Questions

- Jacob's deception and manipulation seen in this chapter are the beginnings of a pattern of behavior in his life. Are there any negative patterns of behavior in your life of which you are aware? How might you be able to break out of them? In what way could a trusted community come alongside of you in this?
- What habits or flaws have sunk deep roots into your character? How did these habits begin? What might it take for you to be able to change this habit or flaw?

