

# blessing of breaking

## Small Group Discussion

### Bargain Worship

Story of Jacob Week 3: Genesis 28.10–22

### Getting Started

- Share a story about a time when you were so consumed by the events going on in your life you lost sight of the fact that God was with you. It may not have been a crisis; just that moment when you had that sudden realization that God had been inadvertently left out of the picture.

### 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's first response to the vision and presence of God was beautiful. Praise, a memorial ... Where did it go wrong?
- Considering what you know of Jacob's life thus far, why do you think it was difficult for him to accept a blessing and gift of grace from God without any effort on his part?

### Application Questions

- Sten-Erik said "we are all Jacobs." How do you see some of Jacob's patterns or thoughts in your own life?
- Why is it that "conditional discipleship" where we are in control of the relationship so much easier for us to swallow than just to receive the free gift of God's presence, provision, and protection?

