

God is on the Move. Genesis 33:10-17

Time		Questions	Answers
10	<u>Hook</u>	<i>Use this question to engage group members in conversation with an introduction question that helps them get to know each other better.</i>	
	1	In Luke 9:35 when a voice came from a cloud and said "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." share your thoughts and experiences this week regarding how you have listened to Jesus.	Open.
10	<u>Book</u>	<i>Use these questions to set the tone for the study and give group members a background in the text you will be studying.</i>	
	2	Read Gen. 33:10-17 and Luke 9:28-36. How do the two stories relate?	Both Jacob and Peter had name changes. Both had amazing encounters with God. Both wanted to build shelters and stay comfortable in their "holy huddle" with God instead of moving on/being led with/by God. Both revert back to old ways/idols. Both stay in the struggle, like it or not. See Genesis 37-50 and Luke 22:54-62.
	3	What were Jacob and Peter idols?	On the surface...comfort. Deeper...control. Deepest...self.
25	<u>Look</u>	<i>Use these questions as entry points into the passage of scripture.</i>	

<p>4 How and why is Israel/Jacob “hedging his bets” in Genesis 33 when he see Esau coming?</p>	<p>By layering his family in front of him...maidservants first, Leah second, Rachel third. Because he’s afraid of Esau, because he stole his birth right and thinks his brother is coming to harm him.</p>
<p>5 How does the Lord surprise Jacob?</p>	<p>Esau, instead of killing Jacob, embraces him and restores right relationship.</p>
<p>6 How does Jacob then surprise us with his response to Esau graciousness? How does this relate to us?</p>	<p>He lies to his brother and instead of going to Seir like he said, he builds shelters in Succoth. Remembering that everyone in the Bible is I...we sometimes build shelters and avoid moving with God and miss His Graciousness.</p>
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15	<u>Took</u>	Use these questions to help the group take the meaning and apply it to their lives in tangible ways. Applications can be cognitive (change my thinking), behavioral (change my actions), or emotional (change my feelings). Be sure to turn these applications into prayer requests for the upcoming week as you close the study.	
	11	What does it mean for you to listen to Jesus?	Open.
	12	In our neighborhoods, jobs, friendships who are the spiritual orphans Jesus is calling us to adopt?	Open.
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<u>Pray</u>	Pray for folks you know in your neighborhood, at work, from school who don't know Jesus and are drowning in the culture of this world. Pray for the Lord to provide opportunities for you to love and serve them for Christ's sake. Pray for wisdom to know when to fit in and when to stand out.	
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