

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Jacob Wrestling

Read Genesis 32:1-31

- Describe what's happening in this account about Jacob.
- Why is Jacob afraid of Esau?
- What does he send his brother?
- Why is Jacob's gift so large? Is it an appropriate size?
- Is this a good strategy for Jacob to use to reconcile with Esau?
- Does this strategy work today?
- After Jacob sends everyone across the Jabbok river, he stays on the other side alone. What happens?
- Who is Jacob wrestling with?
- Have you ever wrestled over decisions you've made?
- What was different about this encounter?
- What was his name changed to? Why?
- When Jacob felt he had seen God face-to-face, was it easier to see his brother?
- How often are we expected to see God in people we meet?
- When does Jacob get his relationship with Esau straightened out? [After he got his relationship with God right]
- Why is it important to have a good relationship with God?
- Who needed to be forgiven? [There are a lot of people in these stories who need forgiveness]
- Who forgave?
- Can you think of a time when you needed forgiveness or forgave someone?
- How did you feel when you were forgiven?
- How would you instruct someone to go about the act of forgiving?