



Small Group Sermon Response Questions – Week of 5/18/14  
Genesis 30:25-31:16 – “Jacob Saw That Laban Did  
Not Regard Him With Favor As Before”  
*(God’s faithful care for His people is far better than they could  
ever do for themselves.)*

1. What circumstances of your life most strikingly require you to trust God’s faithful care for you over and above your own “care” for yourself? Consider 1 Peter 5:5-11.
2. Do you recall any instances in which someone you know has been all for God’s involvement in his/her life or in your life—until it became costly?
3. When have you allowed the fear of man or a promise of worldly gain to discourage you from following God’s clear direction?
4. Do you have any lingering questions about Jacob’s breeding program? Do you see that it was ultimately far more successful than it ever should have been, and how it was God who did this?
5. How has God allowed uncomfortable circumstances in your life, circumstances that may be intended to give you a dissatisfaction with life as a sinner and a hunger for His kingdom? Does it make sense how He need not “author or approve” sin in ordaining this to happen? Consider Matthew 5:1-16, and then James 1:12-18 and 3:13-4:3.
6. Discuss how it is far better that God’s grace be freely given to us than that we earn His favor as wages, and how the key difference between the two is whether we will exalt Christ or ourselves. Consider Ephesians 3:7-21 and its emphasis on God’s abundant grace in Christ.
7. What other initial reflections, questions, or evaluation do you have regarding the sermon? What have you seen of God, yourself, the gospel, and/or the life of faith?
8. What has God been teaching you in your own personal study lately?