



Small Group Sermon Response Questions – Week of 6/8/14  
Genesis 33 and 36 – “Jacob Came Safely to the  
City of Shechem...in the Land of Canaan”

*(God will surely bring His obedient people into their promised place of rest;...)*

1. Discuss the interworking of God’s sovereign grace and our faithful obedience as He brings us into our promised place of rest. Consider the lives of Abraham, Jacob, and their Hebrew descendants, as well as Deuteronomy 6:20-24, Titus 3:3-8, 1 John 2:3-6, Ephesians 2:10, and Philippians 2:12-16. Is it correct to classify any insistence on specific acts of obedience as “legalism”?
  
2. ...therefore, they are free to steward His resources with wise generosity. (33:1-11)
  - ✓ What relationships do you have that have become adversarial due to sin? How may God be directing you toward a “soft” disposition in these circumstances? Consider Proverbs 25:15, Matthew 5:38-48, and Philippians 2:3-8.
  
3. ...therefore, they are responsible to choose their allegiances with judicious care. (33:12-20)
  - ✓ Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 with a broader application than just marriage.
  
4. ...therefore, they are able to find their satisfaction independent of worldly acclaim. (36:1-43)
  - ✓ Consider Romans 9:10-13, Malachi 1:1-5, Deuteronomy 2:2-6 and Numbers 20:14-21. Ultimately, what was the reason for Esau and his descendants’ pursuit of worldly advancement and rejection of God and the Hebrews? How does this matter for us in our own walk with God and relationships with unbelievers?
  
  - ✓ Meditate together on Luke 22:24-30 as it relates to Jacob being a sojourner and Esau establishing himself.
  
5. 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?
  
6. What has God been teaching you in your own personal study lately?