



## Small Group Sermon Response Questions – Week of 6/15/14

### Genesis 34-35 – “Arise, Go Up To Bethel And Dwell There”

*(God is faithfully building and preserving a distinct company of worshippers for Himself.)*

1. Is the central theme (above) making sense from our context in Genesis? Reread 1 Peter 1:13-19 and discuss the difficulties of being holy to God in the face of our own indwelling sin and of the world around us. How are you tempted toward...
  - a. ...assimilation?
  - b. ...isolation?
  - c. ...arrogance?
2. The Desperate Conditions In Which God Does This
  - a. Reflect on Jacob’s sin of favoritism with his wives and their children, favoritism which provoked their sin. Apply this to ourselves using Ephesians 6:4 and James 2:8-13.
  - b. Reflect on Dinah’s sin of curious, careless assimilation into her culture. Apply this to ourselves using 1 Corinthians 7:32-40, Titus 2:3-5, and 1 Peter 3:1-6.
  - c. Reflect on Shechem’s sin of selfish aggression. Apply this to ourselves using 1 Peter 3:7, Ephesians 5:25-32, and 1 Tim. 5:1-2.
  - d. Discuss Simeon and Levi’s sin of unjust vengeance and profane dishonesty regarding circumcision. Consider Genesis 17:1-14.
  - e. How does this chapter speak to us about the situation of someone who feels that nobody has as big a mess as theirs and who is tempted to doubt God’s ability to work through it?
3. 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?
4. Next Week:  
The Gracious Means By Which God Does This  
The Glorious End To Which God Does This
5. What has God been teaching you in your own personal study lately?