

Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others.

1. What stood out to you in the sermon? Why?
2. What caused Jacob to be fearful after he received the initial report of his messengers?
3. Why was the Jacob's prayer evidence of God's changing Jacob?
4. Does God hear you when you pray? Why?
5. Why could Jacob's planning for his meeting with Esau be described as faithless?
6. What was the result of Jacob's wrestling match?
7. What does Peniel mean and why is it significant?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. Has God ever used conflict to refine you? How would you describe your response to the conflict and God's refining work?
3. Has this sermon challenged how you pray?
4. How do you determine the line between planning and seeking to developing your own way out of a challenging situation or a trial?
5. In what area(s) do you see God having broken your strength and confidence in yourself? Has the Holy Spirit convicted you of any area(s) that still need to be broken by God?
6. What is the primary way you should be affected by this passage this week?