

Winter 2021 Acts: 2:42 Life Group Week 6

"El Bethel"

Genesis 35:1-15

Getting to know each other:

- 1) If you could host a dinner party with 5 people from the Bible, who would be at your table, and why did you choose them?

- 2) As we've seen, God changed Jacob's name to Israel. His old name represented his old nature (con man, manipulator). His new name represents his new nature (one governed by God, prince of God). What word or phrase would you use to describe your old nature before Christ? What word or phrase would you use to describe your new nature in Christ?

Getting into the Word:

- 3) God was not only patient with Jacob, He was also very loving, gracious and faithful to him. What do the following verses say to you about how God sees you? Do you ever struggle with your identity in Christ? Matt.11:28-30...John 10:27-29...John 17:20-26...Ps.84:10-12...Jer.31:3...2Cor.5:17-21...Rom.5:6-11...Eph.2:4-10...Titus 3:3-7...1Pet.1:3-5...1John 3:1-3.

- 4) God reveals His name to Jacob as El Shaddai, God Almighty. What other attributes of God do you find in these verses? Ps.99:9...Ps.103:19...Ps.116:5...Ps.145:17...Ps.147:5...Prov.15:3...Isa.40:12-14...Isa.43:10-11...Isa.44:6...Isa.46:9-10...Ex.33:19-20...Ex.34:5-8...Mal.3:6...Matt.5:48...Matt.19:16-17...John 8:12...John17:3...1Pet. 4:19...1John 4:8 & 16. Are there any other scriptures that come to mind? _____

"To him who overcomes I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." —Jesus