

## Small Group Notes – 3 Feb 2019 – Genesis 30 & 31

### Welcome & Worship

Read Numbers 6: 24-26: *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*

Ask the group to think of the many blessings the Lord has bestowed on them, they can be from all aspects of life, spiritual, relational, physical, financial, the list goes on! After personal reflection each share some of the blessings together and write a group list that can be used for thanksgiving in a time of worship and prayer, thank the Lord for His love, goodness & faithfulness.

### Word: Jacob leaves blessed – Genesis 30:25-43 & Genesis 31

- Jacob’s desire – 30:25 -28
- Jacob’s deal – 30:29-43
- Jacob’s departure – 31:1-3
- Jacob’s disagreement – 31:22-43
- Jacob’s declaration – 31:44-55

### Questions

- Jacob’s desire, aspiration was to return home in Genesis 30:25-26.  
Can you identify some of your personal aspirations/desire that you have at the moment or aspirations as a group for 2019?
- Laban recognised that God had blessed him because of Jacob. Genesis 30:27-28. Could that be said of us? Does God bless others because of our lives?
- Have you, like Jacob ever acted out of fear or a sense of entitlement and found yourself in trouble? Genesis 31
- Why did Rachel steal her father’s idols Genesis 31:19?
- What are some of the things you would consider to be idols in today’s society?
- Was Jacob justified in the way he responded to Laban’s treatment of him? Chapter 31
- How are we to respond to those who mistreat and take advantage of us?
- In what way do we see God fulfilling his promise to Jacob in these chapters?
- In what different ways are you aware of God’s blessing or promises?

Finish with prayer and re-reading the blessing in Numbers 6: 24-26.

### Prayers & reminders

- Night shelter at NMBC, starts this Tuesday 5 Feb. Please pray for the people who are accessing various shelters over the next several weeks and for Jan Iliffe and the team at NMBC.
- Church Members meeting – Wed 6 Feb at 8pm.
- Pray for Katie Mumford with YWAM in Sydney Australia & Emily Fuller with BMS in Kolkata in India.