

LESSON 35

FIRST ENCOUNTERS OF JACOB AND ESAU

Genesis 25:19-34



A Time for **Assembly**: *Introduction* to gather together through ice breaker (10 minutes)

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly an embarrassing experience where you compromised your moral values for something that was not worth it, on hindsight.



A Time for **Adoration**: *Inspiration* to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading the Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

He Who Began a Good Work, by Jon Mohr

Change My Heart O God, by Eddie Espinosa

Scripture Reading: Genesis 25:19-34



A Time for **Admonition**: *Instruction* to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. What is the basis of God for choosing Jacob over Esau as the blessed heir (25:19-26)?
2. What is the significance of the birthright of the firstborn (25:31-32)? Read Genesis 27:27-29, Deuteronomy 21:17 and 1 Chronicles 5:1-2.

3. What does it mean that Esau despised his birthright (25:33-34)? Read 2 Samuel 12:10.
4. How did Esau demonstrate that he “despised his birthright” (25:33-34)?
5. How might we commit a mistake similar to what Esau had done (25:34)?



A Time for **Accountability**: *Invitation* to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern)
(about 35 minutes)

1. How can we help one another to strengthen our character so that we will be ready to stand by our values when temptation comes?
2. How would developing an eternal perspective (i.e., living in view of eternity) give us wisdom when we are tempted to compromise our values?
3. How can the group pray for you? Share now your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and specific actions to be done in obedience to God’s Word. As you intercede for one another in the group, pray also for others outside the group who need to know Jesus.