

# LESSON 43

# JACOB LEAVES LABAN

## Chapter 31

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

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly the circumstances that made you decide to transfer residence or workplace, if you ever had to.



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

Suggested Songs:

*You are My All in All*, by Dennis Jernigan

*For the Lord is Good*, by Billy Funk

Scripture Reading: Chapter 31



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 were the factors that made Jacob decide to leave Laban and go back to Canaan (31:1-3)?
2. Jacob was discovering God's providential guidance upon him. How did he teach his wives about God's providence behind his plan to leave Laban (31:4-16)?

3. God specifically instructed Jacob to leave Laban. But what was wrong with the way Jacob departed from Laban (31:17-21)?
4. What was Rachel's motive for stealing Laban's gods (31:19)?
5. Why did Jacob refer to God as "the fear of Isaac" (31:42)? Read Genesis 27:33.
6. Why did Laban seek a covenant with Jacob (31:43-53)?



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. If you had parted ways with a family member, friend or business partner, what would you do to reach out to that person?
2. When you are about to leave a group (e.g., organization, church), what would be a graceful way of making the exit?
3. Share your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and personal applications of God's Word as studied in this lesson. Pray for one another in the group. Pray also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.