

LESSON 44

JACOB RETURNS ESAU'S BLESSING

Genesis 32 and 33



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

For Starting Communication:

Describe the wrestling matches shown on TV.



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

Suggested Songs:

Bind Us Together, by Bob Gillman

We are Your Church, by Sharon Damazio

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32 and 33



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. God protected and cared for Jacob as he traveled to Canaan. How did Jacob recognize that those were angels who appeared to him (32:1-2,25)? Read Genesis 28:12. What is the “job description” of angels? Read Hebrews 1:14 and Matthew 4:11.
2. God provided angels to protect Jacob. Why was Jacob still afraid to meet Esau (32:3-9)?

3. At a time that Jacob perceived he was in great danger, what spiritual maturity did Jacob demonstrate (32:9-12)?
4. Who was the man that Jacob wrestled with (22-24;30)? Read Hosea 12:3-4.
5. What did God accomplish in Jacob in this “wrestling match” (32:25-26)?
6. What is the meaning and significance of the name Israel (32:27-28)?
7. What did Jacob, with his new name "Israel," demonstrate by settling in Shechem (33:18-20)?



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. Angels are meant to minister to God’s people. In what situations can you pray for God to send angels to minister to you?
2. We need to meet with God purposefully. Plan a spiritual retreat for your Growth group.
3. Pray for one another in the group. 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 also for others outside the group who need to hear the Gospel.