

LESSON 45

DINAH AND THE HIVITES

Genesis 34:1-31



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

For Starting Communication:

Share briefly how pastoral counseling has helped you resolve a painful experience.



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

Suggested Songs:

All Things Are Possible, by Darlene Zschech

I Worship You Almighty God, by Don Moen

Scripture Reading: Genesis 34:1-31



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. How did Jacob respond to the rape of his daughter Dinah (34:1-5)? Was it an appropriate response?
2. What character of Jacob did his sons appear to have adopted in their negotiation with the Hivites (34:13-17,24-29)?

3. Treachery with intent to murder was bad enough. What else was wrong about the agreement proposed by the sons of Jacob to the Hivites (34:14-17)? Read Genesis 28:1-4.
4. How much did Jacob assert of himself after his sons massacred the Hivites (34:25-31)?
5. What painful consequences did Jacob's non-assertiveness bring to his family? Review Genesis 29:31-30:24.



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 respectfully encourage the leaders in our family, in our church, to be more assertive in upholding righteousness?
2. How can we provide care and comfort to individuals who suffered emotional/physical abuse?
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.