

## **Jacob Small Group Guide**

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Did you (growing up) or do you now have any nicknames?
2. What, if anything, have you been told about your birth?

**Read the following passage:** Genesis 32:6-32.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. What are some ways in which Jacob's prayer in Genesis 32:9-12 is a good model prayer for us?
2. Why do you think God came in the form of a man to wrestle with Jacob? What do you think God was ultimately wanting to do in Jacob's life?
3. Jacob's name is a significant component of Jacob's story. What are some ways that our identify affects how we live? What are some words that define who you are?
4. Even after several decades away from Esau, their last interaction was clearly still on Jacob's mind. Are there things in your past that you still think about somewhat regularly? Are there any experiences from your past that still significantly shape how you live in the present?
5. Jacob asked the man with whom he was wrestling to bless him. What does it mean to be blessed by God? Do you consider yourself blessed by God? Explain.
6. Do you engage with God on a regular basis? Explain. How would you like to engage with God in a deeper way in this season of your life?

**Pray**