

Title: "Jacob Has a Life-Changing Dream"

Text: Genesis 28:10-22

Theme: Jacob had a life-changing dream, but it wasn't really the dream that changed his life. It was God the LORD who changed his life. God was in the process of shaping and molding the heir of the covenant.

I. Jacob's _____ (10-17)

II. Jacob's _____ (18-22)

III. Applications

A. The place of _____ in the unfolding of God's redemptive plan was mainly for the spiritually _____ or _____.

B. Jesus Christ is the _____ between heaven and earth.

C. When God _____ Himself, your life is _____, and _____ becomes central in everything you do.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Where had Jacob been living? Where was he going (v. 10)?
2. When Jacob stopped for the night to find rest, he found a stone in the place where he stayed. For what initial purpose did he use this stone (v. 11)?
3. After Jacob fell asleep he had an amazing dream. What significant thing did Jacob see in his dream (v. 12)?
4. Who spoke to Jacob in this dream (v. 13a)?
5. What did this person say to Jacob about himself (v. 13b)?
6. This person said something about Jacob's offspring. What did he say (vv. 13b-14)?
7. What promise did Jacob receive from this person about his travel and the outcome of his life (v. 15)?
8. How did Jacob immediately respond to this dream (vv. 16-17)?
9. What did Jacob do with the stone he had at his head during the night (v. 18)? What do you think was the significance of pouring oil on it?
10. What name did Jacob give to this place where he stayed (v. 19)? What does it mean?
11. Before Jacob left this place, what did he do (v. 20a)?
12. What was the promise Jacob made to the LORD (v. 20b)?
13. What other persons in Scripture had dreams given to them by the LORD?
14. What was the place of dreams in the working of God's plan of redemption?
15. How do you think God uses dreams in this time after the accomplishment of redemption?
16. How can claiming to have a dream from God be spiritually dangerous?
17. What does it mean that God "condescends" to us?
18. What does fear have to do with worship?
19. How did Jacob's dream picture the Gospel? How was this dream fulfilled in Christ? How is the exclusivity of Christ and the Gospel represented in Jacob's dream?
20. How has God disclosed Himself to you? What has been your response to the reality of Christ?