



CALVARY LIFE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PASSAGE: Genesis 30:25 – 31 'On The Run'

THEME/S: Work and employment, God's faithfulness and leading, the fear of God

1. In your experience, what makes a good boss a good boss and a bad boss a bad boss?

Read Genesis 30:25 – 43

2. What character attributes do we see in Laban and Jacob from these verses? And what can we learn from them?
3. To what extent should Christians be involved in business, entrepreneurial activities and generally seek to prosper materially in life?

Read Genesis 31:1 – 21

4. In what ways do we see that was God involved in Jacob's life and was faithful to him?
5. After twenty years in Haran in Laban's service, Jacob returns to Canaan. This was a significant life change for Jacob and his family. What principles can we observe from Jacob's experience to help us discern God's guidance and leading in our lives? [Note: Leader see below].

Read Genesis 31:22 – 55

6. What challenges you, speaks to you or raises questions in your mind from these verses?
7. To what extent have we seen Laban and Jacob change and develop, or not, during the time they knew each other?
8. Twice in this tonight's passage Jacob refers to God as "*the Fear of Isaac*" (see verses 42, 53). What does it mean for us to fear God?

PRAY

Pray it through and pray it over! Tonight's passage and specific prayer needs.

How do we discern God's guidance and leading? Jacob's experience provides a good example:

1. *Inner witness of heart – he sensed it was time.*
2. *Outward circumstances of life – strife with Laban.*
3. *Truth of God's word – always the most important!*
4. *Confirming support – those he trusted and was closest to agreed.*

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers"
(Acts 2:42)