

THE DECEIVER GETS DECEIVED

Genesis 29

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What's the best practical joke someone has played on you? Do you ever play jokes on other people?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

Intro:

- **Remember** what your group talked about last time you met. How have you changed since then?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** Genesis 29:1-30 together. In the message on Sunday, Pastor Pat gave us three warnings and three truths from the life of Jacob.

Three Warnings:

1. The joke will always be on you

1. Read James 1:22. How are we deceiving ourselves if we don't put into practice what we hear from God's Word? Are there specific areas in your life right now where you may be deceiving yourself?

2. You'll suffer the boomerang effect

1. Proverbs 21:18 says, "What a bad person plots against the good, boomerangs; the plotter gets it in the end" (The Message Paraphrase). What characteristics of God does this principle reveal?

3. You'll experience the negative aspect of living out the Laws of the Harvest

1. Talk about a time in your life when you experienced the negative aspects of the Laws of the Harvest. (*You always reap what you sow. You always reap more than what you sow. You always reap later than when you sow.*)

Three Truths:

Review the three points below, then answer the questions as a group.

- 1. To use you, God will bruise you**
- 2. To make you, God will break you**
- 3. To grow you, God will slow you**

- What are some ways that you feel like God is bruising you, breaking you, or slowing you right now?
- How are you reacting to what God is doing?
- Are there ways in which you can see God using you, making you, or growing you through these experiences?
- What does it reveal about God that He's allowing these experiencing in your life?
- God is more concerned in your Christlikeness than your comfort. How can you be more like Jesus this week instead of being more comfortable?

PRAY WITH EACH OTHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that we will submit to God enlarging our hearts before He enlarges our opportunities.

