

06 MULTIPLIED BLESSINGS

KEY TEXT: GENESIS 30:25-34,41-43

CENTRAL truth

In this week's session, it is easy to spot the blessings in Jacob's life. But when it comes to our own lives, it can seem more difficult to spot His blessings—until we stop to examine what He has done before. Remembering His blessings in the past encourages us to remain faithful and watch out for the ways that **God is active in the details of our lives.**

key question

When you think of God's blessings in your life, what comes to mind? Discuss.

God blessed Jacob in a variety of ways. While some blessings were material, this was merely an extension of the Lord's commitment to faithfully provide and be with Jacob. Our memory is a critical tool for us to use as we follow God. He invites us to remember His character and ongoing involvement in the details of our lives. Whether big or small, we must cherish memories of God's faithfulness toward us.

keep in mind

- Scripture doesn't shy away from the reality that Jacob had multiple wives. The act of having multiple spouses at once is called *polygamy*, and there are some who would justify it using examples from the Bible—such as this week's passage. Using the **Give an Answer** note, give students a helpful and biblical framework for addressing this topic.
- Your students likely come from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. In Jacob's story, part of God's provision in his life looked like financial wealth. However, many of our experiences look different. Jacob's experience is not an indication that God isn't blessing us when we are not financially wealthy. While God can and does bless people with financial or material wealth, it isn't the ultimate indicator of His blessing and care.

application

How can we be a blessing to those in our schools or families who do not have relationships with the Lord?

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FOR THE STUDENT: Students can be encouraged to know that the Lord can be found in the mundane details of everyday life. He is not cold and distant, but longs to dwell with and bless His people.

FOR THE LEADER: Take some time to celebrate God's provision in your own life with students. Whether it was recent, or some time ago, giving students a picture of what it means to remember God's faithfulness will be helpful as they move forward in life.

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