

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Genesis 29 & 30 straight through, as you would read the chapters of any book.

Questions:

1. Was there anything in the passage read during the week or in the lecture (Friday morning) that was of particular interest, surprised you or caused you concern in the chapters this week?
2. In Genesis 29 Jacob arrives in Paddan Aram – read **Genesis 24:10 -27** as a refresher on how Abraham’s servant came to the area, also to meet Laban’s family & an eligible young women to take as a wife for Abraham’s family. Record a few of the similarities and differences in Jacob’s approach from that of his father’s servant in Genesis 24?
3. In Genesis 29:**10-11** & **17-21** highlight Jacob’s feelings for Rachel - how is that evidenced in his words and actions?
4. Read **29:22-30** and comment on how you see Laban’s “trick” affecting the following people:
 - Laban
 - Jacob

- Leah

- Rachel

5. **Chapter 29** ends with the birth of Jacob's first four sons through Leah. What do you learn about God as you compare **V31-33** with **Genesis 16:13-15, 21:1** and **30:22**?
6. Read **Genesis 30:1-24** and describe some of the negative interaction (dysfunction) between Jacob, Leah and Rachel.
7. What is your opinion of Jacob in **Genesis 29:31 – Genesis 30:24**?
8. Does your opinion of him improve or change as he sets in motion the plan to leave Laban and increase his flocks (using the braches to speckle the flock). Do you think his plan worked or that God blessed him as He said He would?

Leah felt unloved, Rachel felt disgraced for not having children. Sometimes we have troubles and despair. Read Psalm 71 verses 19-21 and be reminded that we have a God like no other.

Remember we are on break February 14th & February 21st – back on February 28th