



**Series:** Genesis

**Passage:** Genesis 28:10-22

**Title:** Jacob God Builds A Man

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**Discussion Starter** – What are some of the ways you see God goes about to build Jacob to be a mighty man of faith? How have you seen God work in similar ways in your life to build you up in your faith?

### **Read Genesis 28:10-15**

- Jacob is sent by his father Isaac on a five hundred mile journey to Haran to find a wife. Read Genesis 24:1-7. Notice the differences in how Abraham procures a wife for his son Isaac? What do you think this reveals to us about Isaac?
- What do you think is going through Jacob's mind as he is a few days into this journey, one which would last well over a month to get to his final destination in Haran?
- What can we infer about Jacob's state of mind by him choosing a stone to lay his head on in verse 11? Read James 4:6-10. How do we often see God allowing these type of circumstances in our lives, in His plan to build us and grow us in our relationship with Him?
- Describe what message you think God was conveying to Jacob in this dream? Why do you think God revealed it in this manner?
- What are some of the things we can learn from God, by the pattern of this dream to build Jacob's faith and trust in God?
- Have you ever had a dream that you sensed was a message or revelation from God? If so, share your thoughts with the group.
- What promises does God make to Jacob in verse 15? What is the implication of the truth of this verse? It is true for Israel only or does it also apply to the Church? Read Philippians 1:6.
- Read John 1:50-51. How do these verses tie into Jacob's dream? What is the lesson it reveals to us about the dream?

### **Read Genesis 28:16-22**

- As Jacob awakes from his dream, describe the progression and effect the dream has had upon him? What do you think he understood correctly and incorrectly about his dream, based on his response?
- What is the significance of Jacob setting up the stone and pouring oil on it? What does he do next and why do you think he does it?
- What does Jacob's vow reveal about his relationship with God at this point in his life? Read Isaiah 66:1-2. What applicable insights does God reveal to us in these verses?
- So far, we see that Jacob knows little about the God he believes in. What are some of the things we often do as Christians that reveal how little we know about the God we believe in?
- Read Psalm 32:8-9. What is this verse teaching us about God's heart to build us up?