



## Small Group Discussion Guide Jacob

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    - i. What kind of relationship does God foretell for the twins?
    - ii. How are they named at birth?
    - iii. How does parental partiality create problems for kids ([verse 28](#))?
      1. Any examples?
- II. Read [Genesis 25:29-34](#).
  - a. What is a birthright, and what does it entitle the first-born?
  - b. Explain how Esau despised his birthright ([verse 34](#), [Hebrews 12:16](#)).
  - c. What rights and privileges do we inherit now as God's children?
    - i. (Note [Romans 8:14-17](#)).
- III. Read [Genesis 27:1-4](#).
  - a. It was customary for fathers to bless their children before they died.
    - i. What does this involve?
    - ii. Why did Isaac call Esau and not Jacob?
    - iii. Does this custom carry over today?
- IV. Now read [Genesis 27:5-29](#).
  - a. Rebekah is positioning Jacob to receive the oldest son's blessing. (Remember what God told her in [Genesis 25:23](#).)
    - i. Reread Isaac's blessing in [verses 27-29](#).
      1. What kinds of things does he declare for his son?
      2. How does he reemphasize Abraham's covenant when he sends Jacob off in [Genesis 28:1-5](#)?
- V. Finally, read [Genesis 27:30-45](#).
  - a. What can you learn about the power of a father's blessing in this passage?
    - i. What affect did this incident have on Esau?
    - ii. What applications can we draw for parents today and the way they speak to (bless) their kids? (Note [Prov. 18:21](#), [Col. 3:21](#)).

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