



# SERMON

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Genesis 29 together as a group.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Where in this story do you see evidence which points to Jacob's unhealthy obsession with Rachel.
- 5) What were the underlying reasons for Jacob's obsession with Rachel?
- 6) What were the consequences of Jacob's idolatry?
- 7) The other characters in this story are also dealing with some level of idolatry. What idols do Rachel, Leah and Laban serve?
- 8) Idolatry can lead you to "break any promise, rationalize any indiscretion, or betray any other allegiance in order to hold onto it". How does this play out in the lives of the characters in this passage?
- 9) Jacob ended up in severe disillusionment as a result of putting the weight of all his deepest hopes and longings on Rachel. List the four responses we can have to severe disappointment. Share a time when you faced severe disappointment or disillusionment. What did you learn from this experience?
- 10) What is the main lesson we can learn from this story when we read it under the great biblical narrative, the redemption of all of creation through the person and work of Jesus Christ?
- 11) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.

\* These questions taken or adapted from <https://www.westminsterchapel.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Study-Guide-to-Counterfeit-Gods1.pdf>