

Sermon Application Study

December 31, 2023

This tool is designed for groups, though it can be used for personal study. It is also designed to equip and motivate you to share the gospel with others. Learn. Apply. Share.

Target Passage → Genesis 32:22-32

1. An encounter with God is personal. What challenges do you personally face with meeting God one on one? How has the environment around you distracted you from engaging with God directly?
2. What were the three aspects of wrestling with God discussed in the sermon? How focused is your pursuit of God? Do you allow God to question and contradict you? How has God used suffering and pain in your life to awaken and reveal a greater need for Him?
3. Explain what losing through winning means. Are there areas in your life you're still trying to win, to do things your way, to remain in control instead of submitting to God?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

For Me →

1. What are your areas of strength which you have a tendency to neglect God in or because of? In what ways have you experienced God touching your strength, so that you cling more dearly to him and experience his power?
2. What are the areas in your life currently you feel as if you are in a wrestling match with God? Where are you seeking a blessing outside of Him personally?

For the Mission →

Jacob was preparing himself to meet with his estranged brother when he unexpectedly found himself wrestling with God. How does our wrestling with God impact the conflicts we have in the relationships around us? What would an action step look like in one of your relationships?

PRAYER FOCUS

Real relationships require real struggle. Ask God for an open heart to areas in your life that you need to submit to Him and ask for the strength to repent.