

Sunday March 17, 2024 - "Genesis - Jacob - Week 4 - You Reap What You Sow" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Psalm 106:7, Galatians 6:7-9, Genesis 28:12-15, Deuteronomy 31:6, Matthew 28:20

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- We are told to remember (Psalm 106:7)
- Over and over the patriarchs fault remember → chaos ensues
- Jacob has a profound encounter with God...in the next breath he isn't even considering God
 - Very self-sufficient
 - Not prayerful or discerning (contrast between Abraham's servant and Jacob)
- If we don't remember, we sow the wrong seeds
- You reap what you sow
 - Much more than money
 - Galatians 6:7-9 - behavior in the spirit vs. in the flesh
 - In due season
- in due time...
 - We want it right away and we try to bring it about in our flesh
 - Patriarchs took shortcuts (Jacob the trickster became the tricked)
- A kingdom investment today reaps a kingdom reward tomorrow. A compromise today has a cost tomorrow
- Moral reciprocity is real...but so is God's grace and providence
- Genesis 28:12-15
 - Jacob's ladder - God would send angels to minister to and protect Jacob
 - Behold I am with you and will keep you wherever you go
 - Deuteronomy 31:6, Matthew 28:20
 - Patriarchs couldn't screw up to negate this promise
- How would it have been different if Jacob would have remembered?
- Discipline of remembering becomes a catalyst for faith and obedience
- Remember → walk in the Spirit, Forget → walk in the flesh

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How have you learned to remember well who God is and what he has done?
2. How have you reaped what you have sown, the good or the bad?
3. When was a time that you tried to bring something about in your own strength or timing?
4. What kingdom investments are you making today that will yield kingdom rewards tomorrow?
5. How has remembering been a catalyst for faith and obedience in your life?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

Songs from the weekend:

[No Other Name - *Freddy Rodriguez*] - [Trading My Sorrows - *Israel Houghton*] - [Til I See You - *Hillsong Worship*] - [Made a Way - *Travis Greene*]