

**February 9-15 2019**  
**Community Group Outline**  
**Dysfunctionality**

**Prayer & Worship:** Take a few minutes as a group and give thanks to God for who He is, what He has done. (Tip: Do this in short sentences. Direct toward God in prayer, "God thank you for your faithfulness.")

**Warm-up:** If you could change one thing about your family growing up what would it be? (Remember this is safe space)

**Read:** Genesis 25:21-24 & 27:1-44 (Tip: You may want to have people take turns reading a verse and go around the room one verse at a time)

**1. Study:**

- a. What was God's plan for Jacob?
- b. Looking at Genesis 25:23 & 27:36-37  
How do you think this went down?  
Did God reveal to Rebekah His plan for Jacob and then she and Jacob took matters into their own hands?  
Or do you think God chose the younger brother Jacob knowing that by the dysfunction of the family God's will would prevail?
- c. How does Jacob show us Jesus? (Hint: It is certainly not his character)

**2. Reflect and listen:** What is the Holy Spirit showing you from these passages and the weekend message? What stands out the most? Do you remember the weekend takeaway?

**3. Discuss:** What can we learn about human behavior and our own heart condition by looking at the dysfunction of someone else's family? What actions did Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, and Jacob commit that went against God's plan? What does this passage tell us about God's character?

**4. Apply:** How does this story highlight our need for the transformation of Jesus in our lives and relationships?

**Pray:** How can the group pray for you specifically today?