

Blessing
Genesis 48-49
8.25.13

Reminders

- Kids Workers Needed
- Walk for Life – September 6
- Leadership Summit – September 9 – 6:30

Remember

- Duck Dynasty had almost 12 million viewers for its season premiere (not including cable cutters). What is it about seeing generations of a family together that is attractive to our culture?
- When you think about your family and the legacy you will leave, what are some very important things for you?
- As you think about Jacob and the generations of his family, what stands out to you from the story?

Leader: use the guide to help people remember things from the sermon. After each section, ask something like, “Was there anything else that stood out to you from the sermon?”

The Beauty of Adoption

- Review the Story from Genesis 48:1-12
- How do the following verses speak about salvation and adoption?
 - Romans 8:15-17
 - Galatians 4:4-7
- How might a church care for those who are adopting?
- Was there anything else that stood out to you from the sermon?

The Scandal of Grace

- Continue the story from vv. 13-20
- When does God’s grace displease you?
- Read Matthew 20:1-16. Where do you find yourself in that story?
- How can we learn to love God’s grace more and more?
- Was there anything else that stood out to you from the sermon?

The Power of Words

- When you think about Jacob’s Blessing on his sons, what comes to your mind?
- Read Ephesians 4:29-32.
 - How might we practice this better with one another?
 - Who are some people who have spoken into your life recently in a way that was effective? What made it get through?
 - How can we use words to give more grace?
- How might we prepare words for those close to us in the event of our days coming to an end?
- Was there anything else that stood out to you from the sermon?

The Importance of Preparation

Leader: Someone from your group might need some assistance making the various preparations needed. Please direct them toward Ben Hoersch. He has a team of men and women who would be helpful in matters like this. The issue of preparedness faces all of us. Whether it involves our own preparedness or the preparedness of our parents or extended family, being prepared for the end of our life is important.

- What makes this conversation so hard?
- What are three steps you need to take to be more prepared for the end of your life? The end of your parents life?

Close your time with Prayer