

Discussion Questions for Genesis 34 - 36

Chapter 34

Rape and sexual assault are sensitive subjects. Be aware that there could be women in our discussion group who have experienced this or family members who have. Members need to be very careful not to share anything outside the group that is spoken in confidence. This topic needs to be handled carefully and compassionately.

Who is responsible for the rape of Dinah?

What are Shechem's feelings toward Dinah after he raped her?

What would your response be in this situation as the parent or sibling of the abused young woman?

How did Hamor, father of Shechem, propose to make things right?

What was the reaction to the proposal by the sons of Jacob?

What action followed?

Chapter 35

Whose idea is it for Jacob and family to move to Bethel?

What was Jacob instructed to do when he got to Bethel? Was he obedient?

God continues to show grace toward Jacob and his descendants. Can you recall a time in your life when God showed you grace after you had not been faithful or obedient?

Chapter 36

In this chapter, we have the genealogy of Esau. His descendants are called Edomites and will be in conflict throughout the Bible and beyond with the Israelites. Since the Edomites are not God's chosen people, why is this genealogy important?