



Word Notes: Sunday 30/06/19

Jacob: In-law troubles

- Start with a fun challenge: give everyone a sheet of paper and a pen. Challenge them to draw a house without taking their pen off the page at any point.
- As a group, try to recap Jacob's story so far.
- On Sunday, we talked about how we can read Old Testament narratives through three lenses:
 - What is happening in this person's life?
 - What is God doing in this person's life?
 - How is this person's life part of the bigger story?
- Read Gen 30:25:43 and look through the first lens - what would you say is happening in Jacob's life?
- Now read Gen 31:1-18 and look through the second lens -what would you say God is doing in Jacob's life? (flick back to Gen 28:10-15 to answer this question more fully)
- To read this passage through the third lens, we need to look back even further- Read Gen 12:1-3 and Gen 13:14-17 where God speaks to Jacob's grandfather: Abraham.
- How does God's promise to Abraham, and then to Jacob, fit in to the bigger story of God's plan for humanity?
- When you are faced with difficult circumstances, which lens do you tend to look through?
- How might your actions and/or feelings change if you looked through a different lens?