

Table Talk MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 29, 2019

Genesis 25:19-28, 27:1-45; Romans 8:26-28—Jacob and Esau

This week, the lesson was entitled “Jacob and Esau,” and it focused on helping students see how God is faithful to His plan of redemption and grace in spite of our sinfulness. Students learned to trust God to keep His promises even when it seems that He won’t. God’s perspective is at the same time bigger than we can imagine, and smaller than we know. Finally, students had a time to surrender their life to God’s leading, trusting that His plan for their lives will ultimately be achieved.

NEXT STEPS: During the next week, make time to talk with your child. Consider asking the following questions:

- You talked in small group about how badly Jacob wanted his father's “blessing.” What do you want so much that it seems impossible for you to wait for God to give it to you?
- How does it make you feel when you read in Romans that God works all things for your good and His glory? (Allow your teenager to express whatever emotion they are feeling.)
- What experiences have you had that help you trust that God will keep His promises?

Table Talk HIGH SCHOOL

September 29, 2019

Matthew 25:31-46; Deuteronomy 15:7-8—Loving the Least

This week the lesson focused on how Jesus urged us to show His love to people He referred to as “the least of these.” Jesus identified these people as the hungry, the thirsty, the outcast, those in need of clothing, the sick, and those in prison. After looking at Jesus’ teaching, we took some time to discuss who “the least of these” would be in your student’s life and what he or she could do to show the love of Christ to those people.

NEXT STEPS: Here are some questions you may want to ask your teen this week to help him or her further grasp the lesson on loving those who need it the most:

- Why do you think Jesus was so focused on loving those who are truly needy?
- Who are some people you talked about that might be considered “the least of these” in your world?
- What are some practical things our family can do to show God’s love to the poor and the needy in our community?
- In what way has your understanding of God’s love changed after the lesson you had this week?