



## DESPERATE INVITATION

“Desperate chooses to never walk the same again”

### Connect:

- Take some time to talk about your week?
- Fun Questions: If you could learn any new skill, what would it be? If Jesus sat down next to you on a bus and you could ask him one question, what would it be, and why?

### Grow:

- Use the visual below as needed to help you answer the following questions.
- What stuck out the most to you from this weekend’s message?
- Read Genesis 25:24-32. Read it using a “Picture It” method. (One person reads the passage out loud while the rest of the group closes their eyes and pictures/visualizes what is happening. Notice the sights, sounds, and smells as the story unfolds. Immerse yourself into the story as Jacob.) Share your experience... What things did you notice?
- Jacob tried different ways to avoid his issues. Jacob tried running away as well as bribery. What are some things you have used to avoid dealing with the issues in your life? Have you tried to play Let’s Make a Deal with God? Have you avoided God? Have you numbed yourself to everyone including God? Share some specific examples from your life.
- We know that Jacob was running from his issues, but once he encountered God, things changed for him. What is an issue in your life that you need to stop running from today and start wrestling with God over? It may or may not be a sin. It can be a perspective, a belief, or an attitude that needs some God intervention.
- One constant we see in the life of Jesus is that everyone who has an encounter with him is never the same. We also see this in Jacob’s life. When you wrestle with God, just as Jacob did, he will break you in some way. We want to be people that desire to be broken by God because it leads to a change in our life that makes us more like Him. Share an example of how God has broken you in order to heal you, change you, and transform you to be more like Him?
- Remember we have two choices in life: We can run away or walk with a limp. Comfortable chooses to run away, but desperate dependency chooses to never walk the same. Live a life of

desperate dependency!

**Go:**

- Your only step for this week is to be at the Shift Easter service this coming weekend, and to invite and bring as many people with you as you can.
- Close your group by praying some desperate prayers for this coming Easter weekend and thank God for the life, death, and resurrection of his son Jesus Christ.

