

longing for LIGHT

December 18, 2022

LONGING FOR PEACE | JACOB | Genesis 32:22-32

Ben Mueller

S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we journeyed into the story of Jacob's wrestle with God. Up to this point, Jacob's life was filled with discord, and he couldn't find peace. His engagement with God, though challenging, finally gave him peace. This story calls us to follow Jacob's lead and engage with God so that we can bring peace to the discord in our own lives..

R E A D

Genesis 32:22-32

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

- 1) Do any of Jacob's struggles with discord reflect something that's happened or happening in your life? If so, what are they?
- 2) What connection do you see between Jacob's encounter with God and the call to engage with Jesus?

In Jacob's story, we see him trying to grab peace by running away, stealing blessings, using others etc.

- 3) What are some ways that you try to secure peace for yourself?
- 4) How could you turn to Jesus for peace in these moments instead?

R E S P O N D

During advent, we are responding to the light through four practices – naming the darkness through confession, waiting for the dawn in silence, turning to the light in repentance, and acknowledging what is revealed through adoration.

Take time as a group to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal where you might be lacking peace in your life.

CONFESS

Name your *discord*. Write down the specifics – memories, words, phrases, lies, attitudes.

LISTEN

Spend 5 minutes in silence with the following posture: 'Jesus, I wait for your *peace*.'

REPENT

Take some time to submit your *discord*. Be specific. 'Jesus, I give you my *discord*.'

ADORE

Allow Jesus to make the exchange of your *discord* for his *peace*.

P R A Y

Read Psalm 46 in a posture of gratitude and adoration.

As a group, take time to pray your adoration.



FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE, BY PRACTICING THE WAY OF JESUS TOGETHER