

The Gospel Project for Adults, Fall 2015
Extended Instructional Approaches for Session 10

Introduction: *Engage your group members in review prior to presenting new information.*

Family tree game: Make a list of characters you have discussed in the Genesis narrative, including today's lesson. Make a set of cards with one name per card. Make two or more sets of cards and divide your group into two teams. *The goal is to see which team can get the cards in the correct chronological order the fastest.* (If your group members enjoy this, keep the cards and add the new Bible characters to the stack for use in future review sessions. You may be completely surprised to see some men come alive when you give them a chance to compete.)

Begin today's lesson with an active learning experience: Bring in a makeup mirror that magnifies. Ask group members to pass it around and take a look at the blemishes or shaving mistakes that were missed while they were dressing that morning. Scripture today is going to zero in on the warts and pimples of a cast of characters. Ask the question, "Are we looking into a mirror in today's narrative?"

Dig into the passage: Group members are challenged to first identify the levels of deception and duplicity in this dysfunctional family. Engage all of your group members in this process:

- 1) Divide your group into two cooperative learning groups:
 - Team 1 examines Genesis 27:1-17.
 - Team 2 examines Genesis 27:18-29.
 - Each team needs the following: someone to read, a discussion leader, a note taker, and a presenter.
- 2) Each member has a notecard and jots down incidents of lying and deception as each passage is read aloud.
- 3) Allow one minute for each member to make notes. The discussion leaders then encourage each member to contribute while the note taker collects the responses.
- 4) The designated presenter shares these responses with the entire group.

The goal here is for each group member to be impacted by just how conniving and manipulative these characters are. *As their true colors are exposed, God's sovereignty and grace are recognized as even greater.*

Conclusion: *Challenge your members to apply the major ideas to their lives.*

Connect these theological truths to this lesson by explaining how each is illustrated:

- All men and mankind are in need of a Savior.
- God's sovereignty cannot be thwarted by men's evil intentions and decisions.
- God's plan is to bless mankind despite our sin.
- There are serious consequences to violating God's instructions and commands.

Allow time for identifying how these are played out in the lesson and for testimonies of what this looks like in the lives of your group members.