



Small Group Discussion Guide

July 23, 2017

Sermon Title:

"What the STONE Says:"

Sermon Text: *Genesis 28:10-19*

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 41:8-10*

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

Getting Started: Do you have a prized memento that reminds you of a special moment, place, or person? If so, share one with your group and what it symbolizes for you.

Discussion:

1. Can you relate to Jacob? What difficulties have previously taken you, or currently have you walking in the wilderness?
2. **REMEMBER** (vs 17-18). Joseph wanted to mark and remember this experience with God. What do you do that helps you to remember God's work in your life?
3. **God made you promises** (vs 13-14). The promise God made to Jacob was the same one he had made to Jacob's father and grandfather – land, descendants, and impact. What promises has God made to you? How are those being fulfilled?
4. **God shares his presence with you** (v 15). God offers his presence many times in Scripture. Take a few moments to see how many you can recall. Use a concordance if you have one available. What comfort does the abiding presence of God offer to you? How is God's presence made know to you in tangible ways?
5. **God will bring you home** (v 15). It took quite a few years but God brought Jacob home, indeed Jacob returned to this place he named Bethel. How does God bring us home when we have been in difficult places? Is this always true? When our reality seems to contradict it, how can the truth of this point remain valid?
6. What is your spiritual stone of remembrance? What does it remind you to never forget?

Closing: *Close by sharing pray requests. Also, everyone share the name of a friend. Pray for one other, your friends, and the requests that were shared.*

Go SHARE JESUS!