

## Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Jan 6-7, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

## God's Invitation for Christ Community in '24

(Genesis 28:10-22)

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## Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together Genesis 28:10-22.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

In both Jacob's (Genesis 28:10-22) and Nathaniel's (John 1:47-51) experiences, we encounter a connection between heaven and earth.

How tangible or intangible does this connection feel to you (the connection of the Kingdom of God with the present world)?

Like Jacob, when have you potentially experienced God meeting you in your "mess?" What was this experience like?

Where are you longing for restoration in 2024?

Pastor Alan sees this passage in Genesis providing three ways to create a stronger connection between God's Kingdom and the place you currently find yourself.

1. Intimacy with God (vs. 16-19)

How aware are you of God's daily presence in your life?

What fruit does this awareness produce in you?

What practices have helped you nurture this awareness?

2. Healthy Relationships (vs. 20-21)

Where are there relationships in your current life that are in need of reconciliation?

What could it look like to move toward reconciliation with this person(s)?

How natural/comfortable is it for you to be a peacemaker (Matthew 5:9) with those you disagree with?

How might listening help you in this area?

3. The Lordship of Jesus (vs. 22)

What, if anything, is currently competing with God's Lordship in your life?

If something comes to mind, what could it look like for you to address this area and surrender more fully to God?

Where have you experienced breakthroughs in addressing areas of distraction or lack of faith in God in the past?

With finances being such a challenging area to relinquish control, if you're comfortable sharing, what has this looked like for you to give God greater Lordship in this area of your life?

If time permits, share areas of excitement you have for God to be working in your life in 2024.

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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