Home Groups | Week 8 | March 4, 2018 Wrestling with God | Genesis 33:1-20

Icebreaker:

Do you like family reunions? Have you had a really good one or bad one you could tell about?

Questions:

- 1. In verses 1-4, we read again of Jacob's prepared approach to Esau: How does this approach differ from his previous orchestrations (Genesis 32:13-21)? How might you explain this difference?
- 2. How did Esau approach Jacob? Do you think Jacob was surprised by his brother's approach? Why do you think so? How do you understand their tears?
- 3. How was it that Jacob saw the "face of God" in Esau's face?
- 4. Do you think Jacob did not want to travel with Esau for the reasons he gave? If not, why do you think he preferred to travel on his own?
- 5. Do you think the brothers were truly reconciled? Are there relationships in your own life that are "ambiguously reconciled?"
- 6. Only when we forgive will we be forgiven and healed. Only when we know we have been forgiven will we find healing and become able to
- Which of these statements resonates more with you? Are there parts of these statements that you agree with? Disagree with?
- 7. If you can, tell a happy story about forgiveness in your family, especially if the forgiveness was unexpected or unsolicited.

Prayer:

As your group closes in prayer, please pray for the following needs in our church family.

prayer requests

- > Prayers of healing for Joan Gall, Dan Krajnovich, Ken Miller, and Bob Steinmetz.
- > Prayers of comfort for the Qua family in the death of Doug's father and for the victims in the car accident involving students from Western Boone High School.

Requests from ZPC's March Prayer Calendar:

> Pray for guests and team members at the Men's Great Banquet taking place in our building this weekend and also for our partner church in Quintana Roo, Mexico.

what's coming up!

Prayer for Middle East & Africa

Thursday, March 8 | 7:45-8:30 am | Chapel Join us as we pray for our mission partners and others serving in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

> Philana Cunningham [philanac@gmail.com; 317.507.8219]

Second Half Adventurers

March 13 | 11:15 am-1:15 pm | Gathering Space | Cost: \$10 Please join the Second Half Adventurers at our March luncheon. We will welcome Liz Todd, who will share her story, "A walk of faith." Sign up in the Gathering Space this morning.

> Barb Luther [barbarawluther@gmail.com; 317.669.7073]

2018 Parenting Event

Saturday, March 24 | 2-5:30 pm with dinner following ZPC will host a parenting event with Jim Burns, author of *Confident Parenting*. Learn about dealing with overcrowded lives; overcoming negative family patterns; creating a grace-filled home; communicating with affection and encouragement; and raising kids who love God. Childcare is available with advanced registration only. Visit zpc.org for more information and to register. > Lynn Strueh [strueh@tds.net]

Serve with IHN

ZPC Hosting | March 25-April 1 | ZPC ZPCers have an opportunity to serve homeless children and their caregivers through Family Promise/Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). We will host families at ZPC the last week of March. Please consider serving as an individual or with your family, friends, or home group. Details and registration are available at zpc.org. Please contact one of our congregational coordinators with questions.

- > Mary Leman [maryhleman@yahoo.com; 317.656.9942]
- > Dave Stricker [davidstricker1@comcast.net; 317.409.2869]
- > Libby Pollak [Ifpollak@gmail.com; 317.443.4507]

Register for ZPC Inquirers Class

Friday, April 27 | 7-9 pm | Offsite Saturday, April 28 | 9 am-noon | ZPC

Learn more about ZPC at the Inquirers Class. Friday night will include dinner and relational time with Pastor Jerry Deck. Saturday you'll learn about ZPC with church staff and members. Childcare is available by advance registration only. Please indicate your childcare needs on your registration Register at zpc.org no later than Tuesday, April 24. You may also call the Office or sign up at the Welcome Center.

> Nancy Baker [nancyb@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1001]

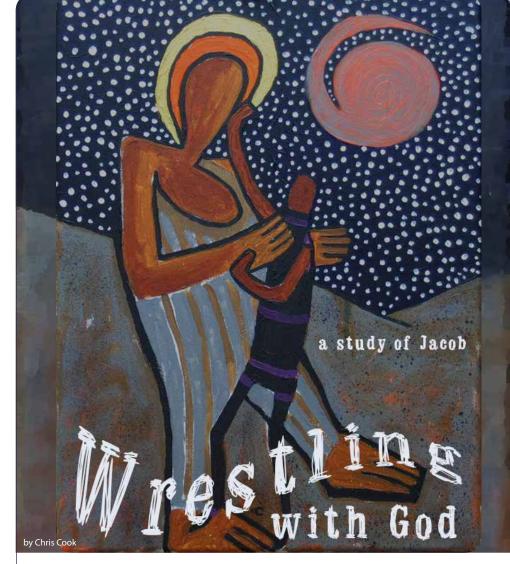
Nominations for Nominating Committee

Nominations are now being accepted for four at-large members of the Nominating Committee. This committee's purpose is to bring a slate of elder and deacon candidates before the congregation. The deadline for submission of nominee names is Sunday, March 25. Nominated individuals who are eligible and willing to serve will be voted on at the congregational meeting on April 15. Pick up nomination forms at the Welcome Center or submit one online at zpc.org/nominating-committee.

> Nancy Baker [nancyb@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1001]

Missed ZPC Congregational Gathering?

If you missed ZPC's Congregational Gathering on Sunday, Feb 11, a synopsis as well as audio from the evening is available at zpc.org/zpc-notebook. > Sally Bias [sallyb@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1018]



Sunday, March 4, 2018 | 9 and 10:30 am

Called together by God to make disciples and release them for service in our broken world.



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Church office hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm



listen to last week's message at zpc.org/resources/sermon



worship

Welcome to ZPC!

We are glad you're here!

Sunday, March 4, 2018 Wrestling with God | A Study of Jacob

Scripture: Genesis 33:1-20

During Lent we are replacing the Lord's Prayer with prayers of confession and assurance of pardon. These allow us to take a moment to open our hearts in confession and be reminded of God's love for us and as we hear his words of assurance – we are forgiven!

We welcome the following individuals, who are becoming members at ZPC this morning!

Randy and Leslie McNutt and Mike and Becky Wood 9 am

Emily and Ryan Elmore and Julie Memmen 10:30 am

Prayer after service: If you would like someone to pray with or for you, please go to the west alcove in the Sanctuary after the service. It would be our privilege to pray on your behalf.

Assistive listening systems are available upon request. Check in with the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

who we are

Our focus is to become and make life-long learners of Jesus through:

- 1. Creating a Caring Community
- 2. Centering Our Worship and Study on Christ
- 3. Encouraging Hands-on Missions

Thank you for coming to ZPC! We would love to get to know you. We encourage you to record your attendance on the welcome pad at today's worship. Please provide your name, address, and contact information. Especially if this is your first time with us, we would welcome the opportunity to connect with you and even deliver a yummy treat!

Join us in the Gathering Space before and after services. Want a name tag? Sign up at the Welcome Center.

the week ahead[zpc.org for more]

Later Today, Sunday, March 4

Men's Great Banquet Closing | 5 pm | Sanctuary ZPCHSM | 6-7:30 pm | ninth-twelfth grades | Youth Center

Monday, March 5

ZPC Line Dancing | 1:30-2:30 pm | Gym LifeChanges | 7-9 pm | Room 209

BSF | 7-8:30 pm | Sanctuary

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Tuesday, March 6

Open Gym | 1-2:30 | Gym Session Meeting | 6:30 -9:30 pm | Room 201

Wednesday, March 7

Faithful Moms Bible Study | 9:45-11:30 am | Room 201 Northwest Indianapolis eTeen | 6:45-8:30 pm | Gym & Chapel

Open Gym | 1-2:30 pm | Gym

Thursday, March 8

Prayer for Middle East & Africa | 7:45-8:45 am | Chapel LifeChanges Women's Bible Study | 9:30-11:15 am | Chapel Loose Threads | 9:30 am-1 pm | Room 202 Food Pantry | 5-6 pm | Room 109

Friday, March 9

MOPS | 9:30-11:30 am | Gathering Space

Food Pantry | 12-2 pm | Room 109

Saturday, March 10

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic | 9-11 am | Room 108 [pro bono legal representation and preventive law education to low income families, including immigrant families]

Sunday, March 11 Children

Nursery Care | 9 and 10:30 am | birth - age three | check in at the Children's Welcome Center Children's Classes | 9 and 10:30 am | age four - fourth grade | check in at the Children's Welcome Center or in the Gathering Space.

Students

Middle School Ministry [ZPCMSM] | 9 am | Room 205 [fifth - eighth grades] High School Ministry [ZPCHSM] | 6 pm | Youth Center [ninth - twelfth grades]

Adults

Adult Bible Study | 9 am | Room 201 Christian Spiritual Formation | 10:30 am | Room 205

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Matthew 6:20

ZPC Stewardship Update: [6/1/17-2/25/18] YTD Budget: \$ 1,765,323 YTD Offering: \$ 1.900.486

Sunday morning attendance: 499



and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

Our goal for Mission Possible is:

Missions Fair

- to broaden awareness;
- · to raise funds; and
- to connect ZPCers with mission partner opportunities.

What:

The Missions Fair is an opportunity for you to learn more about and support ZPC's missionaries and mission organizations. Twenty-two percent of ZPC's annual budget goes to missions. Learn about the organizations and individuals we support. It's also a great opportunity to get involved through giving a donation or signing up to pray for or serve these organizations.

Trivia Night Competition

Form your own team (rally your home group, neighbors, and friends) or come and we'll pair you up with other ZPCers! Stay tuned for the opportunity to reserve your table!

ZPC's Got Talent

Saturday Night, April 21

We are calling all dancers, musicians, magicians, and comedians! Polish off your act or create a new one and submit your application to be part of ZPC's Got Talent! Performers will be chosen by lottery and will have the opportunity to entertain!

Please join us for a fun evening! ALL PROFITS from the evening (ticket sales, raffles, snack bar sales) will go directly to missions.

Schedule:

..Mission booths and snack bar open 5 pm - 8 pm. ...Trivia Challenge ..ZPC's Got Talent begins. 8 pm.. Sunday, April 22 9:45 am-12:30 pm .. Mission booths open

> Please plan to join us for a fun weekend! Participate in all events or pick and choose.

For more information, visit zpc.org/mission-possible



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!

Daylight Savings | Sunday, March 11