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 forgive.
   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.

> 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.