



Week 2: The Way to Less Mess

Life is messy and on this side of heaven, it always will be. But there is a way that leads to less mess. It's where we find ourselves when we activate our faith and move from simply believing in Jesus to actually following Jesus. He redeems our messes and leads us to somewhere better.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Genesis 29:1-30.** At the end of chapter 28, Jacob acknowledges God, but he doesn't completely trust God with his life. He's a believer, but not quite a follower. How does this impact him in chapter 29?
2. Jacob made decisions based on what he wanted without seeking God's wisdom, which eventually led to a bigger mess. Can you think of a time when you made a decision without involving God? How did it turn out? How might things have been different?
3. Why do you think Jacob bypasses prayer when he first meets Rachel? **Read James 1:5.** God promises wisdom to those who ask. Why do you think we don't ask more often? Have you ever been afraid of God's answer?
4. What is the difference between someone who believes in Jesus versus someone who follows Jesus? Where do you consider yourself currently? Explain. If you're simply a believer, what do you think needs to change in order to become a follower?
5. How does this story shape our understanding of how God works through imperfect people and situations?
6. Close your time by praying for one another, especially for any decisions that group members may be facing right now. Invite God to be part of it and ask for His wisdom.