

Genesis: In the beginning
Genesis 29:31-35

Hope for the hopeless mother

The Lord sees us (31)

Frustration (32-34)

We see the Lord (35)

So what?

Next week we will continue in our series by seeing the depths of evil and the grace of God in the saga of Cain and Abel.

Community Group Questions

Icebreaker: One thing you are thankful for about your mother.

Read: Genesis 29:31-35

1. What do you notice in this passage? Is there anything from the message that stands out to you?
2. Summarize the events leading up to Leah having children. What are some of the key issues in this account?
3. “The Lord saw that Leah was hated”
 - a. What did it probably look like for Leah to be hated by her husband?
 - b. Describe the significance of the Lord seeing.
 - c. What does it mean for us when we know the Lord see our pain?
4. Go through each child Leah has (Reuben to Judah)
 - a. Why does Leah give them the names she does?
 - b. What would life be like for that family to have children named after the hopes and failing of the parents?
 - c. There is a break in the pattern with the birth and naming of Judah. Share the possible significance of this.
5. How does this part of Leah’s life give us hope?
6. Do you feel like the events of your life are insignificant and your pain goes unnoticed? How does having a God who sees affect those thoughts?
7. How do you recognize the goodness of God when you life is not going well?