



Revealed: Jacob & Esau - Tyler Ruane

Icebreaker:

1. What color best describes your personality?
2. What's something that made you smile recently?

Summary:

The story of Jacob and Esau sure is an interesting one that has so many lessons that we can learn from. The main message of this teaching will focus on how we are all made different and that is not a bad thing when it comes to work together to build His kingdom. Jacob and Esau were twins who were raised by the same parents, but they turned out unbelievably different. They were often at odds, with one of them constantly getting the upper hand. Reading through this story, one can't help but wonder what could these two have accomplished if they would have found a way to work together. We are all made to be different by God, and we often find others (family members sometimes) that are difficult to work with. How can we look for ways to use our differences as a positive when attempting to work with others to build God's kingdom?

Engage the Bible:

Genesis 27:1-44 - Read as a group. What did you connect with as you listened to the story of Jacob and Esau? Did you connect with either of those two characters? How? Additional passages to explore are Genesis 25: 19-34, 32:1-21, and 33: 1-15.

Small Group Questions:

- What are some of your life experiences with being a part of a team? Have you had success or have you experienced struggles?
- What are some of the most successful teams you have seen or been a part of? What characteristics made them so successful? How can our small group be a team that helps with kingdom building?
- In what ways have you learned about your strengths that God has blessed you with? In what ways could you (or others) learn more about your strengths? What do you know about the role you can play in building God's kingdom? What are some ways that we can work to find our role?