

VANTAGE POINT

My Dysfunctional Family

Genesis 29:30 – 30:24

1. God works out his plan for you even through a dysfunctional family.

2. God works out his plan for you by placing you in his forever family.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Describe your family growing up. What were some of the helpful and hurtful things you experienced? What are some of the wounds that you have that still hurt today?
2. Jacob experienced favoritism growing up (see Genesis 25:21-28, 27:1-35), but also participated in favoritism (see Genesis 29:16-30). How does favoritism affect the people in a family?
3. Have you faced a hardship in your past that has a tendency to pull your attention back rather than allowing you to look forward? Share with the group and allow them to pray for healing and for the ability to see God's hand at work.
4. How is God's family different from human families (see Romans 8:15-17)? As you ponder what God has done for you in Jesus, share your insights of how God may be using the pain and problems of your past to accomplish his will.

MEMORY VERSE

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28