



CONNECTION QUESTION

Are you planning on joining the CrossWinds summer Bible reading plan?

Review the memory verse of the week, Psalm 16:11 (ESV)

SERMON REVIEW

What in the sermon was helpful? What did you find challenging?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

> Read Exodus 2:11-15; Acts 16:6-10.

Jacob experienced opposition from both Laban and his sons. Why does God sometimes make life difficult for us?

How can we tell what God is saying to us through difficulty?

> Read Proverbs 16:8; Proverbs 15:27; Proverbs 1:8-19; Proverbs 11:19; Proverbs 19:23.

This weekend we learned Jacob's success appeared to come from his work in wisely breeding sheep and goats as seen in Genesis 30. Genesis 31 reveals the blessing on Jacob's life ultimately came from God in part because of his integrity as an employee. What do these verses from



Proverbs teach us about the way God responds to our ethics in the marketplace?

Why is our on-the-job ethics more important than profit?

> Read Jeremiah 10:1-16.

This weekend we saw God's active involvement in Jacob's life giving him success in business and divine protection from the evil intents of his father-in-law. While the God of Jacob was actively involved in his life, the gods Laban worshipped were powerless to defend themselves and avoid a very embarrassing situation. What does Jeremiah teach us about the difference between the true God of the universe and the things we worship that we make with our own hands?

What idols does our culture want us to give god-like devotion?

What steps can I take this week to center my life more on enjoying God rather than giving god-like devotion to the thing made with hands?

TAKE IT HOME

Looking back on this week's study, what is the most important thing to remember? What is the most important action to take?