

Study Notes and Questions for Genesis 32-33

Chapter 32

- Why was Jacob concerned about meeting up with his brother after 20 years?
- What did the Lord do to settle Jacob's heart about returning home?
- How should Jacob have felt about returning home in light of the Lord allowing him to see angels along the way? How would you have felt?
- Why did Jacob name the place where he saw the angels Mahanaim?
- Why do you think Jacob sent messengers to his brother to announce his arrival?
- What did the messengers tell Jacob about his brother Esau?
- What was Jacob's response when he heard that his brother Esau was coming out to meet him?
- When you read the verses that cover Jacob's prayer, what can we learn from how he prayed and apply to our own prayer lives?
- What did Jacob do after praying to get ready for Esau's arrival?
- Why do you think the Lord wrestled with Jacob? What was he communicating to Jacob by doing that?
- Why do you think the Lord changed Jacob's name?

Chapter 33

- How would you describe Jacob's attitude toward Esau when the two men finally met?
- What was Esau's reaction when he saw Jacob?
- How do you think Jacob felt when Esau received him so warmly?
- How did Esau feel about all the gifts Jacob wanted to give him?
- What did Esau offer Jacob?
- Why do you think Jacob was dishonest to his brother about where he would be taking his family?
- What lessons have you learned from these two chapters?