

Personal Reflection & Growth Group Discussions
I am With You
Genesis 32:1-32

(Choose the most appropriate questions below for discussion – you don't need to do them all :)

1. Discuss or consider anything in the passage or sermon that struck you.
2. Share one way that recent circumstances have changed you or contributed to some aspect of spiritual formation.
3. Jacob's new name, Israel (v 10), could have two possible meanings – "fights God," or "God fights" – which reflect the change in Jacob's character and approach to life. Is there some way in which one or other of these names may be applied to you?
4. The new Jacob initiates a significant spiritual reform within his family. He gives them three instructions (v 2):
 - Put away the foreign gods among you.
 - Why does this matter?
 - Purify yourselves
 - What makes this necessary?
 - Change your garments
 - St Paul says something similar to us (Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:9-10). How do we do this?
5. God, once again, renews and reaffirms his covenant (v 11-12). Discuss how this reflects on God's character and purpose.

Pray for each other, the church and the world.