

Genesis 32:22-32

- 1. What about this text stands out to you? What have you previously thought about this story? Have any of those thoughts changed? Why or why not?
- 2. This story is about the origin of a name for Israel but also the origin of the identity of the People of God as people who wrestle with God. What does it mean to you to "wrestle with God?" What do you think it means for us as a people for that to be a part of our very DNA?
- 3. Are you overwhelmed with everything that is happening in the world currently? Are you trying to keep everything together, neat and tidy? Or are you willing to wrestle with the mess? What would it look like to be our authentic selves in worship? In prayer? In community?
- 4. What is the temptation to align ourselves with slogans, ideals, or concepts that are not gospel centered but provide an easy out? Why do we prefer this to the struggle that Jacob chose? What are ways we could encourage one another to stay present in these wrestling moments?

Next Week:

Sermon Text: Genesis 37:1-11 (Buffalo Campus) Sermon Text: Genesis 32:22-30 (Cityview Campus)