



Dealing with Sin

(Genesis 34)

Study Notes Handout: June 28th

How we Deal with Sin Matters

Sin and the Subplots

Sin and the Sovereignty of God

Personal Insights from Today's Message:



Study and Discussion Questions

Genesis 34

Jacob purchases land in Shechem and settles his family there (Gen 33:18-20).

One day, his daughter, Dinah, decides to go exploring on her own.

A wealthy young ruler took advantage of her vulnerability.

Jacob's sons are unwilling to accept Shechem's offer of restitution.

Instead, they plot to get revenge. They take matters into their own hands

and go far beyond justice in carrying out their vengeance.

1. Jacob had a large family, with twelve sons and one daughter. What are some of the challenges that come with being in a family that has many brothers and sisters?
2. What motivated Dinah to go into town on her own?
Do you think her actions were justified or unwise? Why?
3. What is Shechem's attitude toward Dinah ([Genesis 34:1-4](#))?
4. Do you think Shechem's sorrow was genuine or insincere? Was his offer of marriage a sufficient recompense for what he had done?
Support your answers from this passage.
5. How does his father try to compensate for the wrong done to her ([Genesis 34:5-12](#))?
6. What did Jacob's sons do about it? (34:13-17, 25-29)
7. What motivated Dinah's brothers to carry out such a bloody revenge?
If you had been in their place, what would you have done?
8. How should we resolve our problems and conflicts with other people?
9. What's the best way to satisfy our desire for justice?