

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## DYSFUNCTION JUNCTION: WEEK 2

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to [southeastchristian.org](http://southeastchristian.org) to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What would your perfect wedding ceremony look like? Who would be there? What would the service be like? Where would you go for the reception? What are some of the obstacles that can keep a couple from having their “perfect” wedding? *(Bonus points for married couples who share a story of something that went wrong at their wedding.)*

Read Genesis 29:16-30. How did Jacob’s wedding go wrong? Put yourself in the shoes of each character in this narrative. How do you think they were feeling? What motivated them to do some of the things they did? How did the events prior to (and during) the wedding help set Jacob’s marriage up for failure?

How was Laban’s deception similar to Jacob’s deception of Isaac? What does this tell us about the ways our own sin patterns can create havoc in our lives? In what ways does marriage make us more aware of those sin patterns? In what ways does it increase those issues? In what ways can it expose and purify us of those issues?

Kyle talked about three sources of disappointment in our marriages (Married But Haunted By Your Past, Married But Lonely, and Having Everything And Still Longing). Which of these three disappointments do you think people struggle with the most? How do we see this struggle revealed in our culture?

What are some of the ways that marriage can fulfill us? How does it have the potential to make us both holy and happy? What are some of the ways that marriage can ultimately be disappointing? What happens when we start expecting our spouse to fulfill us in only the ways that God can? How can that idolatry affect a home?

Read Genesis 29:31-35. What do the names of Leah’s children reveal about her story? What was the name/meaning of her fourth child? How significant is it that Jesus would ultimately come from this dysfunctional family? Close in prayer together by asking Jesus to weave His story in the brokenness and dysfunction of our families.