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TRICKS ARE FOR KIDS
Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

We grow into the labels we adopt and names we are given. Some of those labels cause us to use manipulation or a bag of tricks to reach a goal or outcome, but there will come a time when tricks no longer work. Pastor Daniel reminded us that Jacob's name means "supplanter," which is a trickster or thief. Jacob embraced those labels until He had an encounter with God where He wrestled with Him until God gave Him his blessing. Until we remove the labels we have adopted, we cannot walk in the blessings of God.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Genesis 32:22-30
- John 15:1-8
- Ephesians 1:3

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What labels have you adopted that are not of God that He wants you to change?
- There may be some things in your life God wants to do, but it will require subtraction. What has God asked you to subtract from your life so "all these things" can be added to it?
- Loss isn't losing because pruning is growth. What things have you lost in your life that you need to stop mourning so you can move on?
- Pastor Daniel said not to confuse God's blessings with circumstances based on trickery. What are some things people try to trick their way out of?
- Why does God sometimes need us alone? How can this be the start of a process to get us ready for a needed change?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Make a list of labels you've adopted. Begin a journal about your intentionality to strip away the labels. Mark and celebrate your progress.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Thank you, God, for having our best in mind even when it doesn't always appear that way to us. Give us wisdom and strength to know where we are and what steps we need to take to shed the inappropriate labels from our lives. Our name is not Jacob; we are Israel.

LEADER TIPS

- Start and end on time. This shows respect for your members. Have one of your members be a timekeeper for you if needed.