ChristChurch London Life Group Discussion Outline – 01/06/08
"Building character under pressure" – David Stroud

Read Gen 29:1 - 30

1. God wanted to change Jacob by exposing him to difficult circumstances and allowing him to experience disappointments. What challenges are you facing at present and how could God be using these to bring about change?

2. Jacob asked the 'why' question (v25), but didn't move on to asking questions like…

   "In what ways am I responsible for this situation?"
   "What can I learn from this?"
   "What can I do to change things?"

   Discuss some of the ways in which we can ask the right questions when going through challenging times, to help bring genuine lasting change?

3. If Jacob had honestly asked himself the right questions then he would have thought back 7 years and realised he was reaping what he had sown. Have you ever had a similar experience where something you've sown in the past has eventually reaped a problem? Discuss some of the ways in which we can confront our weaknesses and take responsibility for our actions, before they shape our destiny?

4. Jacob was ready to work hard in order to win Rachel's hand in marriage (v20 & 30). Are there circumstances you face at present, which demand far greater strength or stamina from you than you think you are capable of? How can we allow God to increase our strength under pressure looking to Him for tsupernatural ability to go beyond whatever you might think possible?

ChristChurch London Events

- **Guys' & Girls' Curry Night** – Monday 9th June

This is a great way to get to know others in ChristChurch London, and an easy thing to invite friends to. The guys meet at 7pm at Hamilton Hall Wetherspoons, at the Bishopsgate exit of Liverpool St station. The girls meet at 7pm at Pitcher and Piano on Bishopsgate, outside Liverpool St station, then both head to Brick Lane at 7:30pm

- **Membership Sunday** – Sunday 15th June

If you wish to become a member of ChristChurch London, please chat to the LG leader about that, then fill out a Membership application form. Please note that the cut off date for the forms to get to **the office** is **Friday 30th May**.

- **Life Group Leaders' Meeting** – Monday 16th June

It will take place in City Golf Bar, 24 Bride Lane, Blackfriars, EC4Y 8DT. 7pm for 7:30 start. Please do make it a priority to be there.

- **Lads' Prayer** – Saturday 21st June

It will take place at 7 Burden House, Thorncroft Street, Vauxhall, London, SW8 2BG. For details please contact Adam James (adamjames001@googlemail.com / 07764767761).

- **Monthly Friday Night Drinks** – Friday 27th June

Come and join us for drinks from 7pm on Friday 27th June. We are meeting on the Queen Mary (a boat permanently docked next to Waterloo Bridge) **TS Queen Mary, Waterloo Pier, Victoria Embankment, WC2R 2PP**. Come along and bring your friends!

- **Baptisms** – Sunday 29th June

If anyone in your group would like to be baptised on 29th June, please contact Andy Tilsley: andy@christchruchlondon.org