

## Discussion Guide for *Pain at Peniel* (Road Trip Week 2)



We all have "things" in our lives - habits or personality quirks - we know aren't good. But we excuse them as "just the way I am". In this story of the greatest wrestling match of all time, we see that God will not allow us to stay as we are. God will transform us - even if it hurts!

### *Scripture for Further Reading*

Isaiah 62:1-12; Ezekiel 33:10-20; Matthew 5:29-30; Revelation 3:7-12

### *Questions for Discussion*

1. Jacob's name means 'trickster' or 'deceiver'. How did he try control his world through manipulation and trickery?
2. What did Jacob's relationships look like as a result of this pattern of behavior?
3. What thing - quirk, habit or behavior - in your life are you tempted to excuse as "just the way you are"?
4. How has that thing brought pain into your life and/or the lives of those around you?
5. Why does God *wrestle* Jacob? How is this salvation for Jacob?
6. What does it look like for you to become a part of Israel? What is your next right step?