

# **Bible in a Year Study Questions – Day 17/January 17**

## **Today's Readings:**

Genesis 33 & 34

Psalm 9.1-5

Proverbs 3.21-26

Matthew 12.1-21

1. Think about the reconciliation between Jacob and Esau in Genesis 33. What steps did Jacob take to mend the relationship and what can we learn from this in our own relationships?
2. How had God worked in Esau's heart concerning his attitude about his brother Jacob? How might He be working behind the scenes in some situation in your life?
3. How can the story of Jacob and Esau inspire us to seek reconciliation in our own relationships? What principles from this story can be applied in our lives?
4. What decisions led to Dinah being raped in Genesis 34?
5. What did Shechem do that angered her brothers so much? How do you view what they did? How does God want us to deal with injustice?
6. What character qualities do you see in Shechem's life that contributed to the death of all the men in his city?

7. What did Jesus mean when He said, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice,” in Matthew 12.7?

8. In what ways can we apply the principles taught by Jesus in Matthew 12:1-21 in our daily lives and interactions with others?