

## Adult Impact Questions

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If possible, read Genesis 35:16-29 from several translations. For additional insight and study go to [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org).

1. Loss is an inevitable part of life. This chapter deals with several losses. There is the loss of Jacob's wife, Rachel, and the loss of Jacob's father, Isaac, both through death. Then there is the loss of Bilhah through the heinous act of Reuben. Discuss the physical, emotional and spiritual impact of losing something or someone (job, spouse, parent, child, health, etc.).

If you are the person who has experienced some loss in your life, share what you would most like to hear in that situation. What would be most helpful?

What would be least helpful in times of grief?

If you are the person who is sharing with someone during a loss, how would you encourage someone in that situation?

What Scripture passages have been most comforting during times of loss?

2. Discuss the meaning of the two names Ben-Oni and Benjamin.
3. Reuben commits a heinous act by defrauding Jacob's wife Bilhah and the author seems to gloss right over it. Discuss why that may be the case?

Why might the author have inserted the 12 sons here instead?

4. Who this week can you contact that may need encouragement because of a loss they have experienced?

What challenges from Scripture are there for you from this passage?

Next Adult impact: Genesis 36:1-43