

3. *Give the definition of integrity. In what ways had Jacob shown integrity in his service to Laban?*
4. *What was the significance to Jacob that the one speaking to him in his dream identified Himself as the “God of Bethel”? Genesis 28:10-22*
5. *Why do you think Jacob conferred with Rachel and Leah about leaving?*



In considering the significance of the “household gods” (Hebrew-teraphim—from the word meaning “healer” but translated as “idol”) that Rachel took from her father, scholars considered several possible explanations: 1) these figurines were representatives of previous generations of her family and so were used as a part of ancestor worship 2) the family was involved in cultic practices and used the idols as a source of receiving oracles 3) they were seen somewhat as amulets and could provide protection on the journey 4) Rachel felt that she and her sister deserved some inheritance from her father and so took the idols for that purpose. Whatever their significance, they seem to be part of the reason Laban pursued Jacob.

Scripture doesn’t say whether Rachel was aware of the conversation between Laban and Jacob, and the statement Jacob made concerning the penalty for any person in his party that had Laban’s idols. If she did, it would have put her in a very vulnerable and fearful position.

6. *1 Samuel 14:24-45 gives another account of making a rash statement. What was Saul's vow in this story? How did it end? Read Judges 11:29-40. What was Jephthah's vow? How did it end?*

7. *How does Jacob's testimony about his relationship with Laban agree with 1 Peter 3:13-17?*

8. *Describe the covenant Jacob made with Laban.*

9. *What do you think Jacob has learned about the God of Abraham in his stay in Haran?*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
