

The Heart of the Matter

12. What is an idol for you? How do idols get into our lives?

13. Share a victory that you have experienced over an idol in your life.

14. What do you need to “bury under the oak at Shechem” right now?

15. Where is your “Bethel” - where God has met you in times of trouble?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Preparing to Worship Genesis 35:1-22 For the Week of February 5, 2023

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What has been the most moving worship experience you have ever had?
3. How do you prepare for worship?

Digging Deeper

4. What memories and thoughts would Jacob associate with Bethel? (28:10-22) Why does God ask him to return there?

5. How had God performed His part of the bargain in answering Jacob's prayer at Bethel?

6. How does Jacob's request about idols in verse 2 relate to his family going up to Bethel?

7. Notice Jacob's strong leadership in preparing his family to worship God. How important is your leadership in worship for your family?

8. What is Jacob trying to convey to his family with his instructions to put away the foreign gods and the changing of garments in verse 2? What other Scripture tells us to do similarly?

9. Jacob has already build several altars. What is so significant about building another altar in Bethel according to verse 1 and 3? Why is the altar so necessary for worship to take place?

10. How does Jacob describe who God is in verse 3? Would you describe God the same way?

11. What is so significant about Jacob finally burying his family's foreign God's and earrings in verse 4? How does this verse apply to your life?