



## OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...

How would you describe most of your dreams?  
What dream of yours has most impacted your life?

## DIG

Read GENESIS 28:10-15

<sup>10</sup> Meanwhile, Jacob left Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> At sundown he arrived at a good place to set up camp and stopped there for the night. Jacob found a stone to rest his head against and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup> As he slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway.

<sup>13</sup> At the top of the stairway stood the Lord, and he said, "I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth! They will spread out in all directions—to the west and the east, to the north and the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants. <sup>15</sup> What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you." (NLT)

What do you believe was the main point of Jacob's dream?

Describe the promises God made to Jacob.

What are some promises you believe God has made to you?

Read GENESIS 28:10-15

<sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it!" <sup>17</sup> But he was also afraid and said, "What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!"

<sup>18</sup> The next morning Jacob got up very early. He took the stone he had rested his head against, and he set it upright as a memorial pillar. Then he poured olive oil over it. <sup>19</sup> He named that place Bethel (which means "house of God"), although it was previously called Luz.

<sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made this vow: "If God will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and if he will provide me with food and clothing, <sup>21</sup> and if I return safely to my father's home, then the Lord will certainly be my God. <sup>22</sup> And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshiping God, and I will present to God a tenth of everything he gives me." (NLT)

How did Jacob feel about his dream?

Imagine the dream had been yours. How would you have felt?

What things did Jacob do after he got up?

What three things did Jacob promise in his vow?

Are you willing to make a version of these same promises to God?

What other promises have you made to God in the past?

## APPLY

What promises have you made to God that are hard to fulfill right now?

-GLR

## Leaders

### Foundation

This discussion highlights key messages from the story of Jacob when he had a vision of a stairway or ladder leading to heaven.

### Big Idea

It is important to remember that there is a God in heaven at all times who cares for you regardless of challenging circumstances in your life.

### Prayer

Pray for people you know who are questioning faith due to life challenges.

### Group Leadership

Find ways periodically to do something fun with your group. Use the group meeting time for a celebration or special adventure - whether done in person or virtually.