



Discussion Guide for “What Makes a Prophet”

Black Sheep Week 2

No one worries about idols anymore. Which is weird because the prophets warned about them all the time. Why should we still heed their warnings today? What, exactly, IS an idol? And what does any of this have to do with rain catchers that leak?

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Jeremiah 2:1-13](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. When you think of an idol, what do you think of?
2. Jeremiah calls the idols ‘worthless’. What does this word mean in the Biblical lexicon?
3. What does “You are what you worship” mean? Where do you see this reflected in Jeremiah 2:1-13?
4. Why does Jeremiah employ the image of a cistern? Does this image resonate with you?
5. What does it mean to worship something? What does it look like to worship God (outside of a worship gathering)?