1. Do you think Jacob, given his son's and his own track record, might have had some difficulty in believing this latest news they brought to him?

2. What news have you received that you considered 'too good to be true'?

3. Jacob, through those long years, had experienced loss and sadness – and yet God was working out His saving purposes to ensure the survival of Jacob and his family – God's covenant people. How difficult is it to trust that God is still at work for good even when we see days of darkness and difficulty?

4. Beersheba was a special location in which God had worked in the lives of both Abraham (Genesis 21:23ff) and Isaac (Genesis 26:3, 24, 28), and here again God reveals Himself to Jacob. Are there locations where God seems to draw particularly close?

In what locations do you most anticipate meeting with God?

5. Verses 3 & 4, these are the last record of God speaking directly to one of the Patriarchs. Why was the direct message so necessary (see Genesis 26:2)?

6. What great assurances did Jacob have in making this journey?

What two elements of the Covenant Promise (people / place / presence) were guaranteed to Jacob?