

Grace Groups Homework
"Syncing Your Religion"

Judges 17:1–18:31

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What is the most obscure passage or story in the Bible that you've never heard teaching on? Is there a passage or book you'd love to hear taught but never have?

WORLDVIEW

2. How do you define idolatry? Is overtly pagan idolatry—as, for example, practiced in Hinduism or Buddhism—radically different from a syncretistic form of Christianity? Why, or why not?

INTO THE BIBLE

3. There is some debate in English translations of Judges 18:30 as to whether Jonathan, the Levite, was the son of "Moses" (ESV, CSB) or "Manasseh" (NKJV, NASB). (Afrikaans translations seem to agree with the ESV/CSB.) The debate has to do with variant readings in Hebrew manuscripts. Put on your thinking cap: Can you think of any reason a scribe might have changed the original from "Moses" to Manasseh? Can you think of any reason that a scribe might have changed the original from "Manasseh" to "Moses"?

Assuming, for the sake of argument, that "Moses" is the correct reading, what lessons or warnings to do draw from this fact?

