

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Genesis 15 straight through, as you would read the chapter of any book.

Questions:

1. Was there anything in the passage read during the week or in the lecture (Friday morning) that was of particular interest, surprised you or caused you concern?
2. God speaks to Abram in the first verse of chapter 15 and makes a big statement – an ‘I am’ statement. How does Abram respond?
3. What does Abram’s response say about their relationship?
4. In verse 7 God says again ‘I am...’ and again Abram responds with a question. What does Abram ask of God this time?
5. God does not reply only in words this time, but in demonstration. What did God tell Abram to do to prepare for the answer God intended to give – Chapter 15:9-11?

6. What did God predict would happen to Abram's descendants – 15:13 &14?

7. Did that happen exactly as God said it would? Read Exodus 1:11-14 and Exodus 12:40 to see how this was fulfilled.

8. What would happen to Abram's descendants in the fourth generation – 15:16? Did this happen? Read Joshua 24: 1-13 when Joshua reminds the people of their history and the land they have now been given.

9. God gave Abram a timeline (400 years / fourth generation) for returning the land. Do you think there is a time limit on all of God's promises?

10. Have God ever given you a specific promise which you saw fulfilled, or God responded to a request in a way you did not expect?

Did the response strengthen your faith or discourage you?

Focus verses: Psalm 44:1-3 reminds us of the power and provision of a God who hears us. Write these verse out and ponder on the times God has heard your prayer.