

## 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 12, 13 and 14 straight through, as you would read chapters 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 three verses of chapter twelve. Review verses 2 & 3 carefully.

What root word is repeated five times to indicate God's intentions in His speech?

There's another word that's repeated seven times in the first three verses that further defines God's intentions. Which word is it and why is it important?

So far in Genesis we have seen God do what He says He will. Do you think this was harder or easier for Abram to believe - compared to us believing God's promises in our world now?

3) Abram asked Sarai to say that she was his sister. While this was deceitful, it was also true that she was his wife as well as his half sister (see Genesis 20:12). Some would say that this is an example of a "white" lie. Are 'white lies' OK? If he perceived that his life were in danger, was he wrong to lie?

4) Why do you think we continue to take matters into our own hands regarding our circumstances like Abraham did in hiding his marriage from Pharaoh instead of relying on God?

What can we determine about God from verse 16 and 17?

- 5) Review the first five verses of Chapter 13. What's the difference between the possessions of Abram and Lot?
  
- 6) How can wealth or worldly possessions cause strife in a family? How can it be resolved and what can be learned from the experience?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) In Genesis Chapter 14 Abram meets the first kings mentioned in the Bible. There are battles and there is a rescue. After the battle and the rescue Abram is blessed again – this time by Melchizedek, king of Salem.

To whom does Melchizedek give credit for the victory? Verse 20.

- 8) In verse 21 the king of Sodom makes Abram an offer which is immediately refused and Abram refuses to accept or have anything from the king of Sodom. What was the difference in attitude between Melchizedek and the king of Sodom? What was Sodom interested in?

- 9) To whom did Abram clearly give his allegiance? (raised his hand to – v.22)

Focus verses: Psalm 115 speaks of trust and where we should put ours. Read the whole Psalm if you have time. Write out the first verse as a reminder to whom we should credit any glory.