

Growth Group Curriculum

SPRING SEMESTER 2023

The Gospel According to Abraham - Genesis 15 “The Fight for Gospel Hope”

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REVIEW

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday’s message that challenged or confused you?
2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday’s sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

MY STORY

1. Was there ever something you really wanted that has (or had) eluded you for a long time?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Genesis 15:1. “After this” (v. 1) shows that God’s word to Abram is connected to what has just happened. Why do you think Abram needs to be told “Do not be afraid”?
2. Genesis 15:1. How does God’s promise to Abram relate to Abram’s situation and circumstances?
3. Why is God’s promise both wonderful and challenging?
4. Read Genesis 15:3-6. How is Abram’s response to God’s promise a mixture of faith and doubt?
 - a. How does God handle Abram’s continued doubt?
 - b. What does this teach us about handling doubt—our own or someone else’s?
5. Compare Genesis 15:6 and Romans 4:1-8. What does the term “credited as” mean?
 - a. What does it mean that Abram’s faith was “credited . . . as righteousness”?
 - b. How does Paul make the implications clear in Romans 4:5?

6. Read Genesis 15:7-21. Abram again expresses doubts and fears in verse 8 and God deals with them in a definitive way.

a. Read Jeremiah 34:18 and see if you can discern why Abram is asked to bring animals and cut them up?

b. What does it mean that God goes through the pieces and only God goes through the pieces?

TAKING IT HOME -

Consider: Jude 22, 23

"Be merciful to those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh."

Pray: *"Lord, help me to be merciful to my friends and family who do not know you personally. Give me the wisdom to know when and what to share. Please, through your Spirit, allow the truth of the Resurrection and wonder of your life to be made known to them. - Amen"*

Prayer Requests:

Important dates:

- June 10 - Church work day
- June 11 - New Series Kickoff/New to Crossroads Lunch - Meeting Jesus
- June 18 - Fathers Day Service
- June 27 - CORE Night 6:30
- Jun 29 - July 1 - Young Adult Trip
- September 17- Verbo/Outreach Sunday