

Bethel Church Community Groups :: Week of 11/6/16
Abraham: A Story of God's Faithfulness
Genesis 14.1-17

1. As a group read Genesis 14.1-17 together (bravely with all the names!).
 - a. What observations did you make (What's happening in the story)?
 - b. Finish this sentence – "The moral of the story here is..."

2. *Last week*, based on Genesis 13, we considered how the life of faith often involves laying down our rights, even if we're in the right, and trusting God to have ultimate control. (stepping back).
This week, on the other hand, we see Abram stepping in by faith. In what situations should we "go to battle" as we see Abraham doing here?
 - a. What life circumstances call us to passive faith? To active faith? How do we know the difference between when to "step in" and when to "step back"?
 - b. As a group read Micah 6:6-8
 - i. What are some of your observations here? What's this text saying?
 - ii. How does this inform when to step in or step back?

3. Abram is called "Abram the Hebrew" in v13 in a way that emphasizes his "outsider" status AND his call to influence the world around him.
 - a. As Christians today, what does it look like to be "in the world, but not of it" or as Warren Weirsbe puts it "Separated but not Isolated" from those around us?
 - b. As a group have a discussion about what good IMPACT on the world around us looks like.
 - i. What kinds of things should we be doing?
 1. How do we know?
 - ii. How do we know if we're doing it well?

4. Abram won the battle here, but many times in our own lives we experience and see others experience losing battles that we thought God called us to win.
 - a. How can you know what "the will of God" is for your life?
 - i. What Scripture do you know of that might help us with that?
 - b. What does "faith in God" look like after or in the midst of "losing a battle?"

5. If you're comfortable sharing, have people think about and share one small thing you might do this week to IMPACT a "Lot" in your life. What's one tangible thing you could commit to doing this week in obedience to the text?

6. Pray for one another.