

Bethel Church Community Groups :: Week of 10/30/16
Abraham: A Story of God's Faithfulness
Genesis 13

1. As a group read Genesis 13 together.
 - a. What observations did you make (What's happening in the story)?
 - b. Talk about what we learn about God here
 - c. Discuss what we learn about human beings
 - d. Finish this sentence – "The moral of the story here is..."

2. We see a high focus on Abram's part in vv1-4 to keep God and his promises at the center of his life. What does that look like in our lives today?
 - a. What makes it hard?
 - b. How do we know what God's call and promise is to us today?

3. Micheal made the statement Sunday that "circumstances reveal whats really happening on the inside – whether its trusting God, or ourselves." We see that happening to Abram as he faces the challenging circumstances both in chapters 12 and 13.
 - a. What makes trusting that God is *with you* in the midst of *your* circumstances hard?

4. As a group compare and contrast the similarities and differences between Abram (who lived by faith) and Lot (who lived by sight) in this chapter.
 - a. In what ways do we live by sight today? Where do we need more faith?

5. The journey of faith that Abraham was called to travel was quite an adventure (thousands of miles into foreign land). If you feel comfortable sharing, talk about a faith journey God is taking you on right now (Suggestion: abbreviate it to 60 seconds or so each).

6. A great way to read the Old Testament is to look for the Gospel in everything you read. As a group talk about how in this story Abraham foreshadows Christ and the Gospel.

7. As a group read Mark 8.34-38.
 - a. How does this passage parallel what's happening with Abram and Lot?
 - b. How does Jesus describe disciples?
 - c. How is that description helpful for us as we grow into more mature disciples today?

8. If your comfortable sharing, talk about one thing this week you will do to be obedient to God and his Word as a way of trusting him more with one area of your life.