



Bonanza

Genesis 14:1-24

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The Setting 14:1-12

1. In these verses what do we learn about what Abram was up against?

The Question 14:13a

2. The escapee's report requires a response from Abram. What are Abram's options in how he might respond?
3. Have you ever faced circumstances in which you were being called upon to "step-up" and yet all you wanted to do was to "step-away"? Perhaps these might even be circumstances you are experiencing today?
4. If you are able, please share with the group what that situation was/is?

Abram's Answer 14:13b-16

5. When Abram responded, where was he physically and spiritually?
6. How do you think where Abram was relationally with God helped him to respond wisely to the overwhelming circumstance of Lot's capture?
7. Read and consider Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:24-27. What is Jesus instructing His listeners to do? Why?
8. Why is it important to have "built on the rock" before the storms come?
9. These days, what does it look like for you to be following Jesus' teaching?

Abram's Heart 14:17-24

10. In what ways did Abram demonstrate his heart level relationship with God?
11. What do Abram's actions tell us about his understanding of who God is and who he (Abram) is?
12. In the hard times of life we tend to seek out God. What do we learn in those hard times that we need to remember when things are "not so hard"?
14. In what ways have you experienced God's blessing in the overwhelming circumstances of your life?

Processing all that...

15. Consider what Paul writes in Romans 12:3. What is the connection between sober judgment, God's grace, and faith?
16. In the difficult circumstances of your life how might having "sober judgment" help you to trust God?
17. What from this study will help you to "step-up"?

Extra Credit

Consider what was shared during Sunday's teaching: *"When the reality of who we are before God Most High our creator, sustainer, and savior begins to soak into our hearts we begin to live at the heart level by the depth of faith that Abram had when he stepped forward trusting God in overwhelming circumstances. We begin to dwell with God with the heart attitude that God will use to teach us to let go of anything that will keep us from fully trusting Him and living in His blessing and victory."*

18. What can you do this week to marinate more deeply in the reality of who God is?
19. What difference will this reality make in your life this week?