

SERMON: The Grace and Faithfulness of God

February 10, 2019

SERIES: Genesis: A Journey of Faith

SPEAKER: Pastor Brady

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:10-13:18

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Our Covenant God
- II. God's Grace and Our Sin
- III. God's Faithfulness and Our Faith
- IV. Christ Our Promise

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group. Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. Re-read Genesis 12:1-3. What promises did God make to Abram? What are some of the promises that God has made to us as New Covenant Christians? Which promises have already been fulfilled? Which promises are we still waiting for?
2. How does Genesis 12:10-20 place all of God's promises to Abram in jeopardy? Think about how both the famine and Abram's sin seem to be jeopardizing the covenant. Can you think of how both natural suffering ("famine") and your sin have caused you to question God's promises?
3. Was God's covenant with Abram ever really in danger? How does Genesis 12:10-13:18 reveal God's grace and faithfulness to his covenant promises? (Note especially 13:14-18).
4. Re-read 13:1-4 and 13:17-18. How is Abram demonstrating faith in these verses? How do we today "build altars to God?" Why is it so important that, like Abram, that we return to where we started, the cross, especially when we are tested?
5. Read Gen. 13:17 and Ephesians 5:1-2. Abram claimed God's promise by walking through the land. We claim God's promise by "walking in love." How does believing that we are loved and secure within the New Covenant allow us to "walk in love" every day?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 1:20. How is Christ the answer to all of God's promises? What does it mean that God has already given us everything in Christ? How would your life be different if you believed this?

Pray: Praise God for his great grace and faithfulness. Confess your own failure in the tests of famine and prosperity. Confess your belief that you have everything you need in Christ Jesus.