

**SERMON:** Trusting the True King of Righteousness

February 17, 2019

**SERIES:** Genesis: A Journey of Faith

**SPEAKER:** Pastor Mark

**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 14:1-24

**SERMON OUTLINE:**

- I. Trusting God in Adversity
- II. Trusting God in Success
- III. Trusting the True King

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

1. Review again God's covenant promises to Abraham (ch. 12:1-4). In Genesis 14, how does Abram live in a way that shows he trusts God's covenant promises?
2. God's New Covenant promises to us include: the forgiveness of sins, the end of sin in our lives, eternal life with God, union with Christ, love and acceptance, righteousness, a new earth to live on. What adversity have you faced lately that makes it hard to trust those promises? Can you think of ways that you HAVE lived in faith in these promises?
3. Think about Abram's response to Lot's situation. How do you think God's grace toward Abram (ch. 12-13) motivated Abram's grace toward Lot? Is there someone in your life today that could use your gracious help? How can God's grace toward you motivate you?
4. After the battle, Abram faced two kings: The King of Sodom and the King of Salem (Melchizedek). The King of Salem is clearly a picture of Christ. The King of Sodom is a picture of Satan's temptation toward selfish greed and "spiritual seduction." How did Abram respond to each of these kings? How does his response demonstrate faith in God and in the covenant? Is there a place in your life where you need to make a vow to God to reject the shortcuts of Satan and instead trust the sanctifying process of God?
5. Read Psalm 110 and Heb. 4:14-5:10. Jesus is a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. What do these truths teach us about our need? About God's provision for us in Christ (remember, he's the priest and the lamb)? How can knowing that you have a "priest forever" encourage you today? How would your life be different if you really trusted God's provision for you in the life of Jesus?

Pray: Praise God for providing a priest for us and a sacrificial lamb. Confess any ways that you have failed to trust God's provision and process in Christ. Commit to trusting God's promises and process instead of the world's shortcuts.