

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

As the people of God we should be committed to reading Scripture every day. Here are daily readings and questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and we would be honored to provide one. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

Monday, April 24th – Genesis 12:1-9

We have returned to our Journey Thru the Bible and we pick-up with the beginning of what is called the Patriarchs' story. The first Patriarch we will study is Abram. To get our bearings please read 11:31-32. So, Abram, Sarai and Lot are in Haran in the land of Canaan. What does God ask of Abram and why (vss. 1-2)? It is important to know that God is beginning the restoration process, but for that to happen, he needs to begin to separate the future generations from the influence of the surrounding cultures. Also, God is setting up where his future children will live. Now how do we know this (vs. 3)? What was Abram's response to God's request (vss. 4-6)? Would you respond to God this way – just get up and go? This demonstrates the relationship Abram has with God and the faith that God is trustworthy to be faithful to the promises made. The Lord appears to Abram again after Abram had responded and moved to Shechem. What did the Lord promise? Notice that Abram will not be given the land. But even with that disappointing news how does Abram respond to God's promise (vs. 7)? Now read verses 8-9. Abram does not do one big move, he moves in stages. But what other important things does Abram do? Why do you think Abram worships God during this journey? How does worship impact our relationship with God? How does it encourage and deepen our faith? Consider how you worship. How much effort and energy do you put into worshipping God? How much effort and energy is expended to "get" something from God? Which way does Abram worship? What changes might you consider incorporating into your personal and corporate worship?

Tuesday, April 25th – Genesis 12:10-20

As we move along in Abram's story, what has happened and what does it cause Abram to do (vss. 10-13)? Was this a good decision or not? What happens when they arrive in Egypt (vss. 14-16)? What negative thing happened? What positive thing happened? How does God intervene and fix the situation? Why do you think God does this? What does this say about a sexual moral code before the Law? What is Pharaoh's response (vs. 18-20)? It is believed that the possessions are not just what Abram and Lot brought with them, but also all that Pharaoh had given him. What things in this part of the Abram's story relate to how we act/react to things today? What do we learn about God from this story? What do you need to remember from this story the next time things do not look great from your vantage point? What might you need to consider before acting? Spend some time in prayer today thanking God for seeing the big picture and for being able to set us on the right path again when we stray by taking things into our own hands.

Wednesday, April 26th – Genesis 13

We move now to the relationship between Lot and Abram. Keep in mind that they are related and do love each other, but even in the best of families there are strains in the relationships. Read verses 1-7. After leaving Egypt, where do they go (vss. 3-4)? What is different now (vss. 5-6)? What is the result (vs. 7)? What is Abram's solution to this problem (vss. 8-9)? Notice that Abram does not demand his right to choose the land (being the elder of the two) but rather leaves it to Lot. Why do you think Abram does this? What does Lot choose (vss. 10-11)? Where does Abram go (vss. 12-13)? Now that the disputes are resolved, who appears again to Abram (vs. 14)? What does the Lord promise to Abram (vss. 14-17)? Notice again, the land is not being given to Abram but to his descendants, of which he has none. What might Abram have thought about that? Frustrated? Confused? Read verse 18 to find out how Abram felt and what he did. Worship is still part of Abram's response to what God has promised, even if he cannot see how. How do you respond to the promises of God when you cannot see clearly how? Do you get frustrated? Do you sense confusion and questions? Or do you worship and trust? How would your life be if you followed Abram's example?

Thursday, April 27th – Genesis 14:1-16

Even Abram and family cannot escape the ravages of war. One side of the war consisted of whom (vs. 1)? Now read who they were at war with (vs. 2). Do you recognize any of these places? As you read verses 3-11, where did the final battle take place and who won? If you are not certain, the victors plundered the losers and verse 11 tells you who the losers of the war were. But with any war there are casualties. Who is the casualty in this war (vs. 12)? What happens next (vs. 13)? Notice that Abram hears about it from his allies. What is Uncle Abram's response to Lot's predicament (vs. 14-15)? Notice he only needs to assemble 318 trained men to fight. Who won and what was the result (vs. 16)? Even when families have their differences and space comes between them, we learn that family is family and we have each other's backs. How is there wisdom in this understanding? What does this say about Abram's character? Do you have the character of Abram?

Friday, April 28th – Genesis 14:17-24

We finish this week looking at what happens after yesterday's win. Who comes to see Abram (vss. 17-18)? The King of Sodom is the same Sodom that will be destroyed in the future. Not much else is said about this kings. The Melchizedek has two descriptions. What are they? So he is more than king. It is said that the priesthood of Melchizedek is the priesthood that Christ belongs. What does Melchizedek bring with him (vs. 18)? What blessings does he offer of Abram (vss. 19-20)? Who is accredited for the win (vs. 20)? That makes sense since Abram only took 318 men to fight a war. What is Abram's response to Melchizedek (vs. 19)? Next we find out what the king of Sodom has come out for and it is quite different than Melchizedek. What does the king of Sodom want (vs. 21)? Sounds like a sweet deal but Abram doesn't take it. What does he offer back and why (vss. 22-23)? What does Abram ask for instead (vs. 24)? Why do you think he asks for his allies to be blessed? Consider who you most resemble in this story? Are you wise like Abram? Are you more like the king of Sodom? Are you like the king and priest Melchizedek? What does this text tell us about God? (Think about what you read about Melchizedek.) What does this text tell you about humanity? What does this text tell you about you?

Saturday, April 29th – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Genesis 15:1-6