

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**(Pre) Exodus**

GENESIS 12 & 15

APPLY // VARIOUS PASSAGES

Main Idea: All of Scripture—the Old/former Testament and the New—point to Jesus. We must value all of Scripture and read it in a way that points us to Jesus.

1. Read John 5.39-47
 - a. If these Jews had set their hope on Moses (Law: Pentateuch: Bible!) in vs. 45, why is it Jesus understands they are missing his intention in writing?
 - b. How might we do the same and miss the meaning/intention of the Biblical text?
 - i. Jesus understands they set their 'hope' on the Bible and yet they don't love God, but instead glory in the praise of one another, consequently, they miss the intention of the text to point them to their need of Jesus.
2. Read 1 Peter 1.10-12.
 - a. WHAT did the prophets KNOW they were writing about? (vs. 12)
 - b. WHO, then, were they NOT writing for and who WERE they writing for? (vs. 12)
 - c. Given this and what we read about in John 5, how does that change the way you read the OT?
3. Read Deuteronomy 31.16, 24-27.
 - a. If the Lord and Moses KNEW that Israel would fail in keeping the Law, how does that show us the need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
 - b. Again, how does that change the way you read the OT or the Pentateuch in general?
4. If Israel would fail with all their many benefits, what does that imply about you/us? Take some time to discuss the ways we need the Gospel if we are going to have true life.

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // GENESIS 12:1-3; 15:1-6

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1. Read Genesis 11:27-31.
 - a. What do these verses tell us about Abram (whose name was later changed to Abraham)?
 - b. What do these verses tell us about Sarai (whose name was later change to Sarah)?
2. Read Genesis 12:1-3.
 - a. What does God promise Abram in these verses?
 - b. What does it mean that “in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”?
 - c. Considering what we learn about Abram and Sarai in 11:27-31, what surprises you about God's promise in 12:1-3?
 - d. How do these verses highlight the grace of God?
3. Read Genesis 15:1-6.
 - a. What does Abram say to the Lord in these verses? Why is he concerned about being childless?
 - b. What is God's response to Abram?

- c. How does Abram respond to the Lord?
 - d. Look at verse 6 again. What does it mean Abram believed the Lord? What does it mean the Lord “counted it to him as righteousness”?
 - e. How do these verses highlight the grace of God?
4. Read Matthew 1:1.
 - a. In light of what we read in Genesis, what’s the significance of Matthew starting his Gospel this way?
 - b. What conclusion does Matthew want us to make right at the beginning of his Gospel?
 5. Read Galatians 3:7-14.
 - a. What is Paul’s main point in these verses?
 - b. How do these verses show God’s plan has always been salvation by grace through faith in God’s promised Messiah?
 6. How does this covenant made to Abram, which was fulfilled in Jesus, apply to us today?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: How’s your soul been this past week? Any particular encouragements? Any specific struggles or discouragements?