

ABRAHAM: JOURNEY OF FAITH

Discussion Guide
Week 3 – January 27
TWO KINGS | Genesis 13, 14

Introduction

True North is a term that can be applied to every part of a person's life. TRUE NORTH is what's right and best for each one of us. When you have your TRUE NORTH identified, you know what your life's all about. You know what you're doing and why you're doing it. You have a very clear sense of direction.

Abraham's TRUE NORTH was the call of God on his life. God's call to be a blessing to this world. It determined what was most important to him...what mattered and what didn't matter. It guided the decisions and choices he made. It guided what he did and didn't do.

In this week's study we discover the immense contrast between Abraham and Lot. Lot had his own choice of life's purpose and it wasn't a TRUE NORTH. It was a FALSE NORTH.

Read Genesis chapters 13 and 14 before beginning this week's study.

Questions for Study

1. At the end of last Sunday's sermon (Jan. 20) Steve pointed to the FOUNDATION that Abraham built his life on. This FOUNDATION is based on what's said about Abraham in Hebrews 11:8-10. What is this FOUNDATION?
2. What do you discover about Lot in Genesis 13:1-13? If you were Lot's good friend, what advice would you give him if you were with him and Abraham and seeing him make the decisions he's making?
3. If you had the New Testament back then, why might you have Lot read 1 John 2:15-16?
4. What would you say is Lot's FOUNDATION and his FALSE NORTH? How is Lot a mentor for us on what not to do?
5. Do some digging into scripture to find what made Sodom such a wicked city. Sodom is often used as an example of one sin, but it's important to know that there were other sins that brought God's judgment on this city. This is important to know because it shows what really matters to God.
6. There are three significant events in chapter 14. The first is a battle, the second is Abraham's rescue of Lot, and the third is Abraham's meetings with two kings. Describe the battle in your own words.
7. At its core, why do you think Abraham rescued Lot?
8. Describe in your own words the meetings Abraham had with these two kings.
9. Why were these two meetings very significant in Abraham's journey of faith?
10. What do we learn from Abraham as a mentor through these meetings?
11. What application are you going to make to your own life from what we learn from Lot and Abraham?