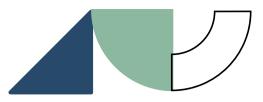




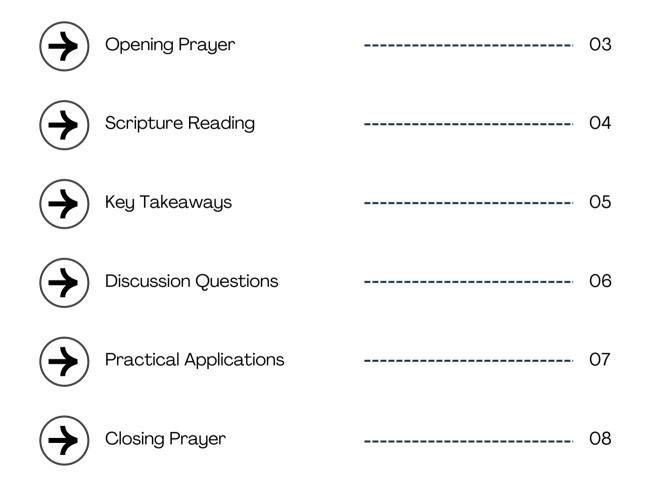
GENESIS 13







Small Group Guide: God's Mission and Our Response









Opening Prayer



The opening prayer is a way for us to invite God into our time together, center our hearts on Him, and prepare ourselves for the discussions ahead. This is an opportunity to thank God for His presence, ask for His guidance and wisdom, and open our hearts to what He wants to teach us.

Feel free to keep your prayer simple and conversational, as if you're talking directly to a close friend. If you're unsure what to say, focus on gratitude, ask for clarity and connection, and trust that God hears your heart.

Helpful Prayer Prompt:

- Thank God for bringing the group together and the opportunity to grow in faith.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to lead and guide your conversations.
- Ask for open hearts, wisdom, and encouragement for each person in the group.



Scripture Reading



Genesis 13

In this powerful exploration of Genesis 13, we encounter the diverging paths of Abram and Lot, a narrative that mirrors our own daily spiritual crossroads. As we witness Abram's unwavering faith and Lot's worldly choices, we're challenged to examine our own decisions. Are we inching closer to the world's temptations, or are we boldly following God's mission? This passage reminds us that every moment presents an opportunity to choose between selfishness and obedience to God. The story beautifully illustrates how faith, trust, and obedience intertwine in a life dedicated to God's purpose.

As we reflect on Abram's journey, we're encouraged to consider how we can practice our faith through trust and obedience, even when faced with difficult choices or uncertain outcomes. This message calls us to be intentional in our spiritual walk, actively seeking God's guidance and trusting in His provision for our needs as we pursue His mission on earth.





Key Takeaways

Abram and Lot's lives begin to mirror each other, showing the consequences of following God vs. following the world.

We face daily crossroads where we must choose between following God or following our selfish desires.

God affirms His covenant with Abram, promising land and offspring.

God always provides exactly what is needed to accomplish His mission on earth.



Discussion Questions

- 1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
- 2. The sermon mentions a "diverging split" between Abram and Lot. How do you see this split manifesting in their choices and actions?
- 3.Reflect on the pastor's statement: "We stand at those crossroads every single day of our lives, every single moment of our lives." Can you share a recent example of when you faced such a crossroads?
- 4. How does Lot's gradual move towards Sodom illustrate the progression of sin in our lives? Have you experienced something similar?
- 5. The sermon emphasizes that God affirmed His covenant with Abram by promising land and offspring. How does this relate to God's promises in your life?
- 6. Discuss the parallel drawn between God providing a son for Abram and providing Jesus as a savior for humanity. How does this deepen your understanding of God's plan?
- 7. The pastor states, "God always provides exactly what is needed to accomplish his mission here on earth." How have you seen this truth in your own life or in the life of our church?





Practical Applications

- 1. Daily Bible Reading: Commit to reading through the New Testament with the church. If you haven't started, begin with the book of Luke.
- 2. Worship: Incorporate more intentional worship into your daily routine. This could be through music, prayer, or meditation on Scripture.
- 3. Accountability: Find a trusted friend or family member to hold you accountable in choosing to follow God over worldly desires.
- 4. Mission Focus: Identify one specific way you can actively pursue God's mission this week, either through sharing the gospel or discipling someone.
- 5. Trust Exercise: Write down an area where you need to trust God more. Pray over it daily this week, asking God to increase your faith and provide what's needed.





Closing Prayer

Thank God for His faithfulness and ask for His help in practicing faith through trust and obedience in your daily lives.