

# Bible Study Questions

## Genesis: The Story Begins – Faith in the King of Kings

### Focus

No matter the way things may first appear, God is absolutely faithful to His promises and therefore we can have absolute faith in Him.

### Read

[Genesis 13-14](#)

### Listen

CCNYC teaching on Genesis which can be found on our [website](#)

*As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.*

### Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
  - What's the context? (Where are we in Genesis; the Pentateuch; the Old Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
  - Who are the main characters in this section?
  - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
  - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
  - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
  - What surprises are there in this passage?
2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

### Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

1. Compare 13:10 and 13:14. What's different about these two ways of seeing?

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2. What does it look like in your life when you walk by sight, making decisions based on what your eyes alone can see?
3. What does it look like in your life when you walk by faith, trusting the promises God has made in His Word?
4. What are some 'greener pastures' that potentially tempt you to leave behind the blessings and promises of God?
5. What are some examples of the ways Christians, even if they don't intend to, might choose material blessings, prosperity and comfort over the health of their soul and the spiritual well-being of their family, as Lot does by moving his family to Sodom?
6. How does the appearance of Melchizedek and his words of blessing reaffirm God's total faithfulness and commitment to His promises?
7. In what ways is Melchizedek a foreshadowing of Jesus (see Psalm 110 and Hebrews 7)? How does the coming of Jesus and His ministry reaffirm God's total faithfulness and commitment to His promises?
8. What are some of the promises and blessings God makes to us in His Word that require us to really walk by faith, not by sight (for example, you might consider something like the Beatitudes)?
9. Do you believe that God is absolutely committed to keeping those promises? What does your response of faith in Him look like right now in your life?

### Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?

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2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?
  
3. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
  
4. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?