

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – God’s Guarantee

Focus

To live in a right relationship with God is to believe that He is trustworthy and will keep all of His promises.

Read

[Genesis 15](#)

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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. What are some reasons Abram might have been afraid or anxious? Can you identify at all with his situation and the questions he asks?

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2. What do you learn about God and His trustworthiness in this passage from His interactions with Abram? How can knowing this help you to trust Him more?
3. What’s significant about the way this covenant is made?
4. What does this covenant reveal to us about our relationship with God and how does it point us to Jesus?
5. What’s significant about verse 6 – both Abram’s response to God and how God views that response? (You may like to consider the Apostle Paul’s sermon on this verse in Romans 4:1-5:5.)
6. In what way would it be misleading to say that Abram is the hero of this story and that this passage is all about his great faith?
7. How does this chapter teach the point that our salvation wholly depends on God and is a result of His work alone? What passages can you think of in the New Testament that make that very point?
8. Why is the above point so important and how can we keep reminding each other of it?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. How does the gospel inform your understanding and application of this passage?
2. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He’s like? If so, how so?

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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?