

Bible Study Questions

Genesis: The Story Begins – As He Had Promised

Focus

God can and will overcome every obstacle to fulfill His covenant promises, as He has supremely demonstrated in the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Read

[Genesis 20-21](#)

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.)

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1. Reflect on the covenant promises of God that we've seen so far in Genesis. What are they and why do they matter?
2. How does a person today enter into God's covenant of grace? Are you part of that covenant?
3. What are the threats or obstacles in these two chapters that need to be overcome for God's covenant promises to be fulfilled and remain intact?
4. What do you make of Abraham's repeated sin in chapter 20?
5. Do you ever feel like your sin derails God's covenant promises to you in Jesus? Where in Scripture does God tell you differently?
6. Have you ever found in your life that God has used even your sin to shape you into a person of deeper faith, and perhaps even shaping you to be more fully about His work in this world blessing others?
7. Reflect on the different names and characteristics of God that we've seen so far in Genesis. How do they help build your confidence that God can and will keep His covenant promises?
8. Pick one promise of God in the Bible and consider the various ways that God will overcome every potential obstacle to fulfill that promise.

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?