

## Out of the Chaos | Genesis 15:1-21

2022 Summer #2- June 5th, 2022

### My Story Questions

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one.*

- 1) Weddings are a significant covenant we make today. Tell about a recent wedding you attended?
- 2) Tell about your Hi's and Lo's from this past week.

### Study Questions

*These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.*

**Read 15:1-21 The LORD speaks and gives comfort.**

1) What are the different ways the Word of the Lord came to Abraham in this passage? How has the Word of God come to you?

2) What was promised to Abraham in v.1? Why do you think this was such a meaningful promise after such a great victory of chapter 14?

#### **The LORD credits Righteousness**

3) The way of righteousness is by faith, not by works. What additional promises did God give Abram in v 4-5. What do you think "he credited it to him as righteousness means? (Also see Romans 4:1-3, 9, 10)

4) Compare Genesis 15:6 with Galatians 3:5-7 and Romans 4:19-24 How is righteousness credited to people today? Why can righteousness never be earned? (Also see Romans 1:17-21)

#### **The LORD foretells the future**

5) List the things God foretold about Abram's descendents and explain their fulfillment (Exodus 1:1-14, 12:35-36, 2 Chronicles 9:26).

6) What does fulfilled prophecy show about the Bible? What do you learn about God?

7) What future things do you fear and how does this give you confidence?

#### **The LORD cuts the covenant.**

8) In that day agreements were ratified in a ceremony where parties walked between animal carcasses. (See Jeremiah 34:18-20 Describe the unique aspects of this covenant ceremony?

9) Why was God symbolized by the flaming pot and flaming torch? Where else will God be identified in fire? (Exodus 3:4, 19:18, 13:21)

10) Why is it significant that God was the only one to enter the oath.

11) How could this satisfy Abram's doubts? How has God patiently satisfied your doubts?

#### **The Lord makes a new covenant**

12) God's covenants with his people culminate in the New Covenant made through Jesus. What was promised in this covenant? Jeremiah 31:31-34

13) What conditions are believers to fulfill in this covenant? Are you fulfilling them?

14) What role does Jesus play in the covenant between you and God? Luke 22:20-21

### Responding to Jesus

*Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.*

- 1) Lord, "What promises do you want to speak to me from your Word?"
- 2) Lord, "Have I received the righteousness the gospel describes?"
- 3) Lord, "Why did you choose a covenant relationship with me?"