

GENESIS (15:1-20)  
Week's Reading: Genesis 15-17  
Discussion Guide, August 8, 2021

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

-Hebrews 11:1-2

- How do you answer this question this week: What do you think God may be calling you to do? How are you feeling about it?
  - o Did you do anything with your answer from last week?

**OPEN by PRAYER**

**OPEN:**

- How do you convince someone that your word is good?
- How does someone convince you that their word is worth questioning?

**READ and ASK: Genesis 15, Romans 4:18-22, Galatians 3:6-9**

- What does Abram fear in this text?
- By adopting a servant heir, is Abram faithless or faithful?
- How is faith related to righteousness?
  - o Which comes first?
  - o Which comes from God?
- What is so powerful about the scene in verses 9-21?
  - o What is God saying by passing through the sacrificed animals "himself" (as opposed to two parties walking through them together)?

**APPLY:**

- If you were in Abram's shoes at this point in his life, how do you think you would have responded?
  - o Where in your life do you need God to say, "do not be afraid. I am your shield, your very great reward"?
  - o Where in your life are you longing for some certainty? How does this account speak to that?
- How do you respond when it seems, to you, like God is not following through on his promises?
- How has God proven that His word is good?

- Has God ever broken a promise? So what promises do we still have to look forward to being fulfilled?
- NEXT STEP(S): How do you need to wholeheartedly rely on a righteousness that comes by faith this week?

Memory Work:

Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. – Galatians 3:7

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis 18-21