

3. God's promises bless the one who seeks God's kingdom. (Genesis 13:14-18)

Table Talk

- 1) How and where did Abram's and Lot's wealth come? (12:16; 13:1-2, 13:5)
- 2) What is Abram's focus even though he has wealth? (13:4-5) How can we keep our focus on God's kingdom even though we are wealthy? (By the way, by the world's standards all of us are wealthy, even though it might not feel that way!)
- 3) What family troubles does wealth bring to Abram and Lot? How have you seen wealth bring troubles to families? (13:6-7)
- 4) What does Abram hope to achieve by giving Lot the right to choose which part of the land Lot wants? How does Lot go about making his decision? What is sad about the phrase, "so Lot chose for himself"? (13:8-13) How can we avoid making decisions based entirely on what looks advantageous to our material prosperity?
- 5) Who is promised ALL the land in the end? (13:14-17) Even if Abram tried to give away part of the land to Lot, Who alone retains the rights to give it? Given how the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah end, who got the better part of the dividing? And who gets ALL the land in the end? What does this say about God's protective grace over Abram? What does it say about God's protection of His land? What does it say about the way we might miss identifying what is valuable?
- 6) Describe the ways Lot built his own kingdom. Describe the ways that Abram built God's kingdom. Describe the grace of God in this chapter. How are you living your life like Abram? How are you living like Lot?