

Today's Message Outline

The Rescue of Lot

The Life of Abraham

Genesis 14

Sunday, November 1, 2009

4 ways Abram serves as a "type" in Genesis 14, foreshadowing and pointing us to Jesus . . .

1. Abram is a _____.
2. Abram is a _____.
3. Abram is _____ to God's _____.
4. Abram is _____ and _____, but not _____ the world.

A Few Thoughts by Way of Application . . .

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- 2.
- 3.

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The Gospel = _____ = _____

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me. . . For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me." –John 5:39,46

How does the life of Abraham (Genesis 12-25) "speak of" and point us to Jesus / the Gospel?

1. The Gospel advances through the God's _____ to Abraham because Abraham's real _____ will be Jesus, God's Way of blessing all nations. (Promises of Jesus)
2. The Gospel of grace is _____ in God's _____ and _____ to Abraham. (God's Grace in Action)
3. Abraham _____ what it looks like to _____ in the Gospel of God's grace. (Journey of Faith in Real Life)
4. Abraham often serves as a _____ of Jesus, pointing us to the _____ Abraham and His work for us. (Type of Jesus)

THINK IT OVER !

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1. Read Genesis 14 again. This text is unique in that it places Abram on the world stage and in a historical context. What are some features of the text which point to its historicity?
2. Look at John 5:39-46. What is happening in this text? What is the big claim that Jesus is making? How does this claim relate to our study of Abram's life? Why does this claim matter?
3. What is a "kinsman redeemer?" How is Abram one? How is Jesus?
4. How is Abram a surprise savior and victor? How is Jesus?
5. In what ways do we see Abram's singular focus of living by Gospel Promise? How does Jesus live for the Gospel Promise?
6. How is Abram IN and FOR the world, but not OF the world? How is he set apart? How is Jesus?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week's text/message?
2. What are the two contrasting tests of Abram's faith in Genesis 14?
3. What are the 4 different ways that the life of Abram (Genesis 12-25) speaks of and points to Jesus/the Gospel? (Can you remember them without looking?) So what? Why is this important? If we don't see Jesus through Abram how will we read the text?
4. How are we like Lot? What do we need?
5. How can God's gospel of grace in Jesus give us a freedom and a power to live like Abram? What did that look like in Abram? How does that work? How can that happen for us?
6. Looking ahead to next week, who is Melchizedek and what is His significance in the Bible?