

Today's Message

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*Who is the God of Abram,
the God of the Bible, our God?*

4. Our God is _____

He _____, but not _____

5. Our God is _____

"a smoking oven and a flaming torch"

6. Our God is _____

...to His _____

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Genesis 15 reveals at least 6 things about Him. . . .

1. Our God is _____

A Conversation

A Covenant = a _____

2. Our God is _____

The Symbolism. . . .

The Shock. . . .

3. Our God is _____

He claims _____ of the _____

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PREPARING to be with One Another

Use a separate sheet of paper or notebook to work through these questions in advance of your Growth Group gathering. The more people come prepared, the richer and deeper and more real our discussions will be with one another.

CONNECTING with One Another

Open your time by checking in with one another to see how you're doing and how one another's week was.

EXPLORING God's Word with One Another

Remember, we're giving you more than you can really discuss here. Pick a few questions that will take you back into the content of the passage and message.

1. Read Genesis 15 together again.
2. What was most interesting and/or challenging for you in this week's text/message? What were the emotions you felt as you heard and thought about God's Word this week?
3. Why are all these animals cut in two? What does that symbolize?
4. Who are the parties in the covenant? (Tricky!)
5. What do the birds symbolize?

6. Why and when does God judge the Amorites?
7. What does the flaming pot and torch symbolize?
8. What does God promise to Abram?
9. What are 6 characteristics of God revealed in this passage and how are they revealed?

APPLYING God's Word with One Another

1. Why do we and must we continually study the character of God? What do the 1st and 2nd commandments (see Ex. 20) have to do with that?
2. How does consumerism impact our view of God?
3. Of the 6 characteristics about God, which is most attractive and inviting to you? Which is the most unappealing or troubling to you?
4. What does this text motivate you to do? What's the application?

PRAYING for One Another

1. Quickly share personal requests.
2. Use the truth of the message as a "springboard" to pray for your personal growth, your Growth Group and the growth of our life at GraceSLO.