

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### Genesis 12:10-20

#### For Starting

- Go around the group with each person indicating why they feel blessed. (Each person should have a different blessing).
- If you could change places with a Bible character, whom would you choose? Why?
- What do you think is the secret to a good life?
- What was something in your life that was challenging to do but rewarding in the end?

#### For Reviewing

- What caused Abram to leave Canaan (v.10)? Why did he choose this destination? Who went with him? (See Gen 12:5)
- How would you describe Abram's wife appearance (v.11)?
- What was Abram concerned about (v.12)?
- What was Abram's relationship with Sarai (v.13)? (Gen 20:12)
- How did Pharaoh and his officials treat and look after Abram and Sarai (v.14-16)?
- What happened to Pharaoh's household (v.17)?
- What did Pharaoh give Abram to leave Egypt (v.16 & 20)?

#### For Discussion

- The Bible does not say: ❶ if Abram asked God before going to Egypt, ❷ if Lot went with Abram, ❸ if Abram built altars in Egypt, or ❹ where Abram stayed in Egypt. How would this information help us to better understand Abrams actions?
- "Tests often follow triumphs." How did Abraham experience this truth? What tests have you had that followed triumphs?
- How is pride an enemy of a life of faith?
- How do trials and troubles help us grow in our faith?
- "A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted." Do you agree/disagree? What does this mean to you?
- You could end by reading together Genesis 12:20.

## **Genesis 12:10-20 (NIVUK)**

### **Abram in Egypt**

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe. <sup>11</sup> As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know what a beautiful woman you are. <sup>12</sup> When the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife.’ Then they will kill me but will let you live. <sup>13</sup> Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”

<sup>14</sup> When Abram came to Egypt, the Egyptians saw that she was a very beautiful woman. <sup>15</sup> And when Pharaoh’s officials saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh, and she was taken into his palace. <sup>16</sup> He treated Abram well for her sake, and Abram acquired sheep and cattle, male and female donkeys, menservants and maidservants, and camels.

<sup>17</sup> But the Lord inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram’s wife Sarai. <sup>18</sup> So Pharaoh summoned Abram. “What have you done to me?” he said. “Why didn’t you tell me she was your wife? <sup>19</sup> Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her to be my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and go!” <sup>20</sup> Then Pharaoh gave orders about Abram to his men, and they sent him on his way, with his wife and everything he had.