

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### Genesis 13:5-17

#### For Starting

- Would you rather: (explain why for each)
  - Be 10 feet tall, or 10 inches tall?
  - Sit in a room with a snake or a tarantula?
  - Live forever or be remembered forever?
- Share how you arrived at one of the biggest decisions in your life. Would you decide the same way today? Why/why not.
- What verse or phrase stands out in this Bible passage?

#### For Reviewing

- Why did Abram and Lot have to separate (v.5-7)? Was there any way for them to stay together?
- Describe what Abram proposed to Lot (v.8-9)? Was this proposal reasonable and fair?
- What TWO regions are used to compare the fertile Jordan plain that Lot chose (v.10)? (See Gen 2:8-10).
- To where did Lot decide to move (v.11)?
- Where did Lot pitch his tents (v.12)? Why was this dangerous?
- After Lot moved, what did God promise Abram (v.14-17)? Did this differ from God's first promise? (See Gen 12:1-3).

#### For Discussion

- "*Like the dust of the earth*" (v.16). What other phrases are used to indicate the large number of Abram's offspring? (See Gen 22:17, Gen 28:14). What would be a modern phrase?
- Compare Lot's and Abram's decision-making processes, noting Lot's selfish approach and Abram's Godly focus.
- From Abram's example, what do you learn about dealing with material possessions? How is this relevant today?
- "*When God is first in your life, it makes no difference who is second or last.*" Do you agree/disagree? Why?
- Do you find it easy or hard to live by faith, not by sight? Why?
- You could end by reading together Genesis 13:14-15.

## **Genesis 13:5-17 (NIVUK)**

### **Abram and Lot separate**

<sup>5</sup> Now Lot, who was moving about with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. <sup>6</sup> But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together. <sup>7</sup> And quarrelling arose between Abram's herdsmen and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

<sup>8</sup> So Abram said to Lot, 'Let's not have any quarrelling between you and me, or between your herdsmen and mine, for we are close relatives. <sup>9</sup> Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.'

<sup>10</sup> Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan towards Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) <sup>11</sup> So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out towards the east. The two men parted company: <sup>12</sup> Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom. <sup>13</sup> Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord.

<sup>14</sup> The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, 'Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west. <sup>15</sup> All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring for ever. <sup>16</sup> I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. <sup>17</sup> Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.'