

Goldstone Church
Small Group Questions
Genesis 14:17-24

For Starting

- What are you most thankful for today?
- What is the most important thing you would like to be remembered for in the future?
- How do you prepare for important events or actions?
- What parts of this Bible passage do you want to know more information about? Why?

For Reviewing

- Where did the King of Sodom meet Abraham (v.17)?
- What did Melchizedek bring when he met Abraham (v.18)?
- How many names for God does Melchizedek use in his blessing (v.19-20a)? Why does he use so many?
- What did Abraham give to Melchizedek (v.20b)? Why?
- What does the King of Sodom try to negotiate (v.21)?
- How did Abraham swear an oath (v.22)? Who else used this customary oath-making practice? See Deut 32:40.
- Why does Abraham decline King of Sodom's offer (v.23)?
- Who does Abraham recommend should have a share of the reward (v.24)? Was this fair? Why?

For Discussion

- Describe Abraham's character in this passage?
- "*You cannot be a servant of God and a celebrity in the world at the same time.*" Do you agree/disagree? Why?
- In what ways did Abraham's encounter with Melchizedek point towards Jesus Christ?
- What do you see from Abraham's example about giving money to God's purposes? How can you follow his example?
- What changes can you make in your life to better live by faith?
- You could end by reading together Genesis 14:19-20.

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Abram Rescues Lot

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And blessed be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”

²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath ²³ that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’ ²⁴ I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me – to Aner, Eshkol and Mamre. Let them have their share.’

