

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Genesis 18:1-15

For Starting

- How many foreign countries have you visited? Which one stands out in your memory? Why?
- What made you decide to attend Goldstone church?
- Other than Jesus, which Bible character would you wish to host for a meal? Explain why.
- How do you picture the face of God?

For Reviewing

- Where was Abraham when he first saw the visitors (v.1)? What was he doing – and why?
- How did Abraham greet the visitors (v.2)?
- What refreshments did Abraham offer the visitors (v.3-5)? Did the visitors accept Abraham's offer of hospitality?
- Describe Abraham's attitude and activity when preparing the refreshments for the visitors (v.6-7).
- Compare what Abraham offers (v.4) with what Abraham actually set before the visitors (v.8)?
- Where was Sarah when the visitors and Abraham talked about her and her future pregnancy (v.9-10)?
- How old were Abraham and Sarah (v.11)? See Gen 17:1 & 17
- What was Sarah's response to upcoming motherhood (v.12)?
- How do the visitors react to Sarah's laughter (v.13-15)?

For Discussion

- Why do you think hospitality was so important in Abraham's day? Why is it an important part of every Christian's ministry?
- *"If we fail to be a blessing to the Lord, we will never be a blessing to others."* What does it mean to be a blessing to the Lord?
- What do you think it means to be God's friend? How is this similar / different with a best buddy today?
- *"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"* How do you respond?
- You could end by reading together Genesis 18:14a.

Genesis 18:1-15 (NIVUK)

The three visitors

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, 'If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way – now that you have come to your servant.'

'Very well,' they answered, 'do as you say.'

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. 'Quick,' he said, 'get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.'

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹ 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him.

'There, in the tent,' he said.

¹⁰ Then one of them said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.'

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, 'After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?'

¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh and say, "Will I really have a child, now that I am old?" ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.'

¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, 'I did not laugh.'

But he said, 'Yes, you did laugh.'