**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of November 7, 2021

Abraham: Decisions Build Upon Decisions from Genesis 14

**Big Idea:** The decision to trust in the promises of God is always a good decision.

**Goal**: To be provoked to think about the story being told by our decisions.

**Prepare**

This week we're diving into *Genesis 14*asking God to provoke us to think about the story that’s being told by our decisions. The personal preparation time & discussion are meant to help us flesh out what we've learned through the sermon and apply it more thoroughly in our lives together.

**Watch**Pastor Shawn's sermon, *Decisions Build Upon Decisions,*noting anything memorable and impactful as you go. You can take notes in the FBC app if you'd like.

**Read** Genesis 13-14 & Proverbs 13:20

**Pray:**Father, lead and teach us to consider the story we will tell by our decisions so we can make wise choices to bring You glory.

**Connect**

Play "Would You Rather" with your G2. Come up with a scenario ahead of time. Here is an example from our new FSM Director, G Roberts, who came up with this connect question: *Would you rather fight 25 chicken sized horses or 1 horse sized chicken?*Here's another from our resident, Chris Metcalf: *Would you rather lead worship or preach at FBC next Sunday?*

**Discussion** Take some time to personally reflect on these questions after viewing the sermon and before your G2. It could make for a great morning devotional time! You can type and save your responses in the FBC app privately if you would like.

1. Consider the decisions Lot & Abraham made in Genesis 13 & 14. Discuss a decision you are facing now, a significant decision in the past, or just how you tend to make decisions in general. Then reference these decision-making filtering questions for Lot, Abraham, and yourself. For each question, consider if it is something you tend to use or ignore, and which have helped you most in decision making.
   1. How was Lot deceived? What truth did Abraham believe which Lot missed? Are you being honest with yourself?
   2. What story did Lot seem to care about telling? Abraham? You?
   3. Is there a tension that deserves my attention?
   4. What was the wise thing for Lot to do? Abraham? You?
   5. What did love require of Lot? Abraham (think about his decision to rescue Lot)? You?
2. What promises of God have you found helpful in guiding your decisions?
3. **Read Proverbs 13:20.**How have you experienced foolish decisions bringing trouble and/or wise decisions bringing blessing to you and others, even if not initially noticeable?
4. Describe an experience when you made a poor decision and either trusted God to rescue you from it or rejected His rescue.

**Closing Prayer** This prayer section is a guide to help you process with God what you've learned about Him and yourself through the sermon, personal preparation time, and discussion, then seek the Holy Spirit's power in applying it in your life. Sharing these responses in your G2 will help others gain insight into God & themselves while also helping and encouraging one another toward growth.

**Admire**: What have you learned about God through this sermon, discussion, and Scripture? Praise Him for it.

**Admit**: What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you as areas where you are falling short? Confess it to God.

**Aspire**: What is a specific change you want to see in your life or action you and/or your G2 could take based in this time of interaction?

**Ask**: Keep track of requests & celebrations from others in your G2 & pray for them.