

# Season 1 Study 3: Abraham & Melchizedek

# THE BIG YEAR

*A Journey through God's Word*

*Any new revelations this week as you read through the Bible?*

1. Abram and Sarai longed for a child of their own. What things do you long for deeply?
2. Why would it have been difficult for Abram to take God at His Word and follow Him (**Genesis 12:1-3**)? What sacrifices did Abram have to make?

## **READ GENESIS 14:17-24 TOGETHER**

3. Abram has just returned from a victorious rescue of his nephew Lot and all his people and possessions from the wicked king Kedorlaomer and his allies. Suddenly the king of Sodom appeared to meet with Abram. What do you think the king of Sodom wanted from Abram?
4. Melchizedek, king of Salem, also appears to Abram. In what ways is this mysterious figure like Jesus (vs 18)?
5. Read **Hebrews 7:1-4**. Who do you think Melchizedek really is? What clues do you see in the text?
6. Why did Abram give Melchizedek a tenth of his possessions? How does the act of giving out of your possessions become an act of faith?
7. Have you ever given sacrificially to the Lord, and experienced His blessing in return? Share with the group.
8. How did the encounter with Melchizedek affect Abram (vs 21-24)? Have you been changed by an encounter with Jesus Christ? Share with the group.
9. Jesus is called our High Priest 'in the order of Melchizedek' (Hebrew 7:17). This means, among other things, that He is a Priest who is also King. How does this dynamic work, and why is this good news for us?
10. In the very next chapter God renews His covenant with Abram. A specific prophecy is given regarding Abraham's descendants:  
Read **Genesis 15:12-16**. We will see this prophecy fulfilled later in our Big Year!

*"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going." Hebrews 11:8*