

1. Abram's Departure from Ur of the Chaldeans

- a) Genesis 12:1-9 Why did the LORD call Abram, a descendant of Shem, to leave his homeland and his extended family in Babylonia?
- b) Why does the LORD still call His faithful followers to come out of spiritual Babylon? Revelation 18:1-4
- c) Share a time when the LORD called you to make a break with your past and follow His leading.

2. The Temptation of Egypt

- a) Genesis 12:10 Why did Abram leave Canaan and travel south to Egypt? What problem do you see with this migration south?
- b) Genesis 12:11-13 What test did Abram face in Egypt, and how did he respond?
- c) Genesis 12:14-20 What was the result of Abram's deception? What lessons can we learn here?

3. Abram and Lot

- a) Genesis 13:1-4 What positive choice did Abram make after he was expelled from Egypt?
- b) Genesis 13:5-13 How was Abram's reconnection with the LORD revealed in his interaction with his nephew Lot?
- c) What were the consequences of Lot pitching his tent close to Sodom? Genesis 14:11-12, 19:1-14
- d) How did the LORD affirm Abram's decision to trust fully in Him? Genesis 13:14-18
- e) Share a choice you made that had long-term consequences.

4. The Deliverance of Lot and his Household

- a) Genesis 14:1-4,11-12 Why was Lot taken as a prisoner of war?
- b) Genesis 14:14-16 Why did Abram decide to risk his life in an attempt to rescue his selfish nephew Lot?
- c) Genesis 14:21-24 Why did Abram refuse to take any of the spoil of war for himself?
- d) After his life was miraculously spared, why did Lot return to live in Sodom?

5. The Meeting with Melchizedek

- a) Genesis 14:18 Who was Melchizedek? What stark contrast do you see between this king of Salem and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah?
- b) Genesis 14:19-20 What are your thoughts about the blessing pronounced on Abram by Melchizedek?
- c) Why did Abram give Melchizedek one tenth of all of the goods retrieved in this rescue mission?
- d) How did this witness of Abram influence his grandson, Jacob? Genesis 28:20-22
- e) In addition to returning a faithful tithe, what are some other ways we can express our thanks to God?

