

**Series:** Genesis **Passage:** Genesis 14

Title: The Astounding Grace of God

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**Discussion Starter** – Why do we continually battle with sin and temptation? Describe in your own words the comment, "we aren't sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners".

- Review God's covenant with Abram in chapter 12:1-3. What are some of his poor choices he made before he settled in the promised land?
- How did God respond to Abram's choices? (in Haran?) (in Egypt?)
- What do learn of Abram's relationship with God from his first act when he returns to Canaan in 13:4?
- What do we learn about God's faithfulness from His early dealings with Abram?
- How has God worked in your life to grow your faith?
- How has God shown Himself faithful to you?
- How do we see in Abram's growth following their return from Egypt, and his separation from Lot?
- What does Lot's choice tell us about his priorities? What are Abram's priorities?
- Describe an event where you have been drawn into a difficult situation (for better or worse) because of your relationship with someone?
- What does Abram's choice to risk everything that God had given him to rescue his nephew Lot tell us about Abram's faith? When and how did Abram's faith grow? What did Abram's faith rest upon?
- How does God's grace toward you affect your treatment of others? What characteristic of Abram do you see being exemplified in how he willing to be wronged by Lot and still respond to his need?
- How does God use conflict and difficulty to prove and demonstrate the transformation that has occurred in Abram? In your life?
- The New Testament describes Abraham as "the father of all those who believe" (Romans 4:11). How did Abram come to have such faith?
- The New Testament describes Lot as "righteous Lot" (2 Pet 2:7). In what way could this statement be true considering this story?
- Do you sometimes vow to "do better" or "try harder" in our service to God? What do we learn about God's methods to grow our faith from this story?