

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

Share a time when you were able to come to someone else's rescue or they came to your rescue.

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

> Read Psalm 119:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Philippians 4:8; 2 Timothy 2:22

- Staying as far away from Sodom as we can is something we all know we should do. There are times we find ourselves drawn close to places and people that entice us to sin, Fortunately God has given us some Bible passages to guide us during those time. How do these verses help?

> Read Proverbs 14:8; Proverbs 14:15; Proverbs 16:9; Proverbs 19:21; Proverbs 21:5; Proverbs 21:31

- Abram prepared and planned before rescuing Lot. How do these Bible verses guide us in understanding the difference between an active faith that prepares and plans (Genesis 13) and a passive faith that trusts challenges into God's hands and lets providence unfold (Genesis 12)?

> Read Galatians 5:13-15; Romans 6:11-14; John 15:4-5

- Lot continued living in Sodom. Although Jesus' death provided forgiveness of sins, we still face an ongoing struggle with our sinful nature. What insights about freedom from sin and our responsibility to fight it do we learn from these verses.

**FROM GENESIS 14**

- You can't be a servant of God and a celebrity in this world at the same time. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?
- What do you consider to be the Christian view of war? Where in the Bible can you find support for your thoughts? (See Romans 13, Acts 10, Deuteronomy 20:1-4, James 4:1-4)
- Why is it important for Christians to give of their money, not just their time and worship? (See Matthew 6:21)
- Should tithing (*giving a tenth of our income*) be the way Christians determine what to put in the offering plate? If not, what guide for giving should they use?
- What does 2 Cor 9:6-11 teach us about Christian giving?
- *Answer this personally, not in the group*—How much of an impact would CrossWinds make if everyone in the church gave like me?

DIGGING DEEPER

> Read Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:5-9; Hebrews 7 (especially v. 3)

- What do these verses teach us about Melchizedek and what his mysterious life as a priest and king not from the tribe of Levi are to teach us?

NEXT STEPS

Looking back at this week's study, what is most important for you to apply this week? Why?