

New Life and New Eyes (10/23/22)

Main Verses: Genesis 13:10-13

Key Verse: Genesis 13:10

'Takeaway': God wants to guide our eyes, since we, like Lot, can choose things that look good at first, but turn out to be anything but good.

Getting Started: Have you ever wanted something that looked “so good” but turned out to not be good at all?



READ Genesis 13:10-13

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Why were Lot and Abram settling in different places?
- Why did Lot choose the Jordan Valley?
- Where did Lot end up living in the Jordan Valley?
- Where did Abram end up living?

Elementary:

- Why did Lot and Abram separate?
- How did Lot decide to live in the Jordan Valley?
- What happened to Lot when he moved there?
- Where did Abram go? Why is it important that he did not settle near the cities of the land?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- Abram and Lot's people were arguing; they parted ways so they wouldn't quarrel.
- Abram let Lot choose which way he would go first. Lot chose the Jordan Valley and Abram chose Canaan.
- Lot chose to move to the place that looked best to him, the Jordan Valley, which was “well watered like the garden of the LORD”.
- Lot's choice led him to live among the cities of the land, and eventually the wicked city of Sodom.
- God wants us to look to him for all things, no matter how they “look” to us initially.
- We can thank God that his plan and purpose are always right, even when we don't understand it. He alone can give us new life and new eyes and he does so through his Son, Jesus, who died on the cross and rose again for our sins.

Elementary:

- Abram and Lot's people were arguing. Abram suggested they part ways so they wouldn't quarrel anymore.
- Abram let Lot choose first. Lot chose to move east, to the Jordan Valley. Abram moved west, to Canaan.
- Lot made his choice based on how the land looked. He chose the Jordan Valley which was “well watered like the garden of the LORD.”
- Lot's choice led him to live among the cities of the land, and he would eventually “move his tent as far as Sodom.”
- Lot's choice will end with God's judgment on the wickedness of the cities.
- God wants us to look to him for all things, trusting him to guide our eyes and hearts.
- We can thank God for the cross, that even though a man dying a criminal's death doesn't 'look' helpful, he alone can give us new life and new eyes.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking him for his faithfulness to us. Thank God that he always wants the best for us, and that he wants to guide our eyes (and hearts) to what is best. Ask God for new eyes because of Jesus, to help you to always look to him in all things, knowing that God will always guide your eyes to what is right and good.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for his faithfulness to us. Thank God for guiding us through our days, and for guiding our eyes to what is best for us, what is right and good. Ask Him for new eyes through Jesus, to help you to look to Him for help and guidance in all things, and ask him to open your eyes to see things as he sees them.