Connect Group 8-14

Welcome

Opening Question: Did you ever earn or receive a special recognition or reward? OR, Where would you go on your dream vacation?

Worship

Word

Read Genesis 15 and answer the following questions.

- 1) What is God's promise in verse 1?
- 2) What is Abraham's concern? What is the problem?
- 3) What does God tell Abram about his heir?
- 4) Look at verse 6. Why is this a key verse? Read Romans 4:1-3, Hebrews 11:6 & Romans 5:1.
- 5) What promise does God declare in verse 7? What is Abram's question in verse 8?
- 6) Describe the ceremony/sacrifice that God told Abram to do.
- 7) What future things did God tell Abram would happen in verses 13-16?
- 8) What is the significance of 15:17?
- 9) How is the land covenant summarized in verses 18 and following?

Digging Deeper:

- 1) How can we know that we can trust God's promises?
- 2) Abram believed God, but he still had questions. How can true faith still be a growing process?
- 3) Read Genesis 12:1-3, 7. What aspects of the Abrahamic covenant (land, seed, promise) are reiterated and affirmed in this passage?
- 4) What would your reaction be to learn that many of the promises were certain, but still so far off?
- 5) How would you respond to learning about the future blessings and trials of your descendants?
- 6) Look at verse 16. What do we learn about God's judgement in this verse?
- 7) In similar ancient covenants, the two parties would walk between cut animals proclaiming the agreement they were making. This (the cut animals) would signify, 'may such a thing happen to me if I fail to keep my part of the agreement.' What does it say that only God passed through the animals and stated the terms of the covenant?
- 8) What else stands out to you from this chapter?

Works

Pray for your lost friends and family. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with them. Pray for one another.