



THE CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION

REZGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Stephen Ministry applications now available. Contact Jacob Rodriguez.
2. Fall Rez Foundations: Beginning Wednesday, September 21, at 7:45 pm
3. Rez Men: Baseball Game in Baltimore on Wednesday, September 21, game starts at 7: 00 pm
4. Equipped to Engage: Abortion & Biblical Ethics Seminar on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 am - 1 pm at Rez.

SCRIPTURE - Genesis 14:1-24

Raiding, conquering, and making other kings and city-states subservient vassals were all part of the world of the Fertile Crescent in Abraham's day. These locations mentioned range from Shinar in the east (Babylon in Mesopotamia) to the region south of the Salt Sea (Dead Sea) to the Jordan Valley, to the land of Moab, southwest of the Dead Sea to Mount Seir (later Edom). Amalekites (cf. Ex. 17:8) did not yet exist in Abram's time (cf. Gen. 36:12), but they did when Moses wrote. Amorites scattered throughout Palestine became Canaanites. Vassal states, when they thought they could throw off the yoke of their suzerain with impunity, rebelled by not paying the tribute and waited for any military response. This time rebellion evoked a major military excursion by the offended suzerain Chedorlaomer and his allies (Gen. 14:5-7); in the ensuing confrontation with Sodom and Gomorrah and their allies (Gen. 14:8-10), the vassals miscalculated and they lost. Lot, by then a resident of Sodom, was taken captive.¹

- A. Verses 1-10. War of nine kings.
- B. Verses 11-16. Abram's rescue of Lot.
- C. Verses 17-20. Meet Melchizedek.
- D. Verses 21-24. Abram's loyalty to God Most High.

¹ McArthur Study Bible.

Note: As you go through the material, the texts in italics are suggested answers that you are free to use as you wish. You do not have to share them with the group.

Suggestion: After reading the passage out loud together, give some time for everyone to read it again silently, then ask someone to summarize the passage.

Discussion Questions

1. **Read the passage and have someone summarize it.**
2. **The war in this passage took place in the land that God promised to Abraham. How might this have made Abraham feel and what does it tell us about God's promise?**
3. **How do you notice about Abram's character in this passage?**
4. **What lessons can we learn from Abram's interaction with the King of Sodom and the King of Salem?**
5. **How can you faithfully apply this passage to our lives?**

PRAYER

Officiant Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant says

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings follow. Please include the following in your prayer:

Missionary: Matthew and Annie Wilcoxon serving in Australia

- *Pray for young families to come to our 10:00 am service. And young adults/young professionals to come to the new 5:00 service. Pray for community to become deeply rooted.*
- *Pray for us to find more friends who live close to us. Most of the people we are clicking with and want to spend weekend/free time with don't live super close to us and some go to other churches! Trying to balance friendships IN church and outside of church.*

Persecuted Church and her Persecutors: [Brunei](#)

- *Pray for pastors to be strengthened and continually equipped to serve and lead their congregations.*
- *Pray that young Christians would resist the temptation to convert to Islam so they can marry—ask God to encourage younger believers to remain in the country for the long-term health of the church.*

Global Concern: Flood in Pakistan, Hurrican in Puerto Rico, Conflict ridden areas: Ukraine/ Russia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Myanmar, etc.

Church Ministry: Singles in our church, Sunday Service volunteers (musicians, AV, greeters/ ushers, hospitality volunteers)

*A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom
Officiant and People*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant may then conclude:

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*