

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, February 25, 2024 (Lent 2)

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Discussion Starters

1. With whom does God make His covenant?
2. What specifically does God promise? Is the covenant offered in past, present or future tense?
3. What is the significance of the name change for Abram and Sarai?
4. In what way(s) is God's view of Abraham and Sarah different from their view of themselves? How is God's view of you different than the way you see yourself?
5. What does God require of Abram? What does He still require of us?
6. Do you think Ishmael was included in the covenant God made with Abram? Why or why not?

Romans 4:13-25

Discussion Starters

1. What do you learn about the relationship between the Law and faith from this text? Which was required of Abraham in order to uphold his end of the covenant?
2. What do you learn about faith from Abraham's example?
3. What is meant by this statement: "Where there is no law there is no transgression" (v. 15b)? How can this be so?
4. Are you "fully persuaded" that God has the power to do what He has promised to you? How do you define "fully persuaded?"

Mark 8:31-38

Discussion Starters

1. What four things does Jesus prophesy will happen to Him?
2. Why does Jesus react so strongly to Peter's objection?
3. How would you paraphrase what Jesus says in verse 34?
4. What might be an example of someone who "loses his life" and someone who "saves his life" for the sake of the gospel (v. 35)?
5. What does it mean to be ashamed of Jesus and His words? What then does it mean that the Son of Man will be ashamed?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?