

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### **For Sunday, March 16, 2025 (Lent 2)**

#### **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. How has God been Abram's "shield" and "great reward?"
2. What does Abram fear most? What is wrong with needing assurance?
3. By adopting the heir of the servant, is Abram being faithless or faithful?
4. How is "faith" related to "righteousness?"
5. What do the elements of the covenant signify (the cut pieces, the fire, etc.)?
6. Why does God enter a covenant with people?

#### **Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Based on what Paul writes here, what appears to be happening in the Philippian church? How are some of the people there described?
2. What does it mean to be an "enemy of the cross?" Who are such people?
3. What does it mean to be a citizen of heaven? What should characterize their lives?
4. What "earthly things" do people have their minds set on? What is the "cure" for that?

#### **Luke 13:31-35**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Why do you think some of the Pharisees tipped Jesus off to Herod's plans?
2. What does Jesus reveal in this passage about His plans?
3. How does the imagery of a hen gathering her chicks compare to your own experience with Jesus?
4. According to this passage, why did Jesus want to get to Jerusalem?
5. What statements of prophecy does Jesus offer in this passage? When did (or when will) they come to pass?

##### **WRAP UP**

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