

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Genesis 20

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Genesis 20.

1. This week we'll be returning to our study in the book of Genesis. Briefly trace the life of Abraham up to this point.
2. Describe what Abraham does in v. 2 in biblical/theological terms. From our previous study in the book of Genesis, what motivated Abraham to do this same thing in Gen 12?
3. Is Abraham being motivated by something different here? How do you know?
4. What resulted from this decision in v. 2?

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5. Why was this such a horrible thing in light of what God had promised Abraham in ch. 18?
6. Was God's promise threatened by Abraham's actions? How does v. 3 answer this question?

❖ Day 2

Read Genesis 20 again.

7. What did God threaten to do to Abimelech? What was Abimelech's response?
8. Describe the various pieces of God's response in vv. 6-7. What do these things teach us about God? What does this teach us about the promises of God?

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9. How are the roles of Abraham and Abimelech reversed in vv. 9-10? What should Abraham have done?

10. What defense does Abraham offer for himself in vv. 11-13?

11. Did Abraham act out of fear or faith? Explain.

❖ Day 3

Read Genesis 20 again.

12. Describe opportunities when you have acted out of fear instead of faith.

13. Describe situations when you have acted out of faith instead of fear. Biblically speaking, what causes us to do this?

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14. Is Abraham's response ever the proper response to being confronted with one's sin? Explain.

15. What is the result of all this for Abraham?

16. How is God's sovereign hand demonstrated here?

17. What was the result of Abimelech's obedience as described in vv. 17-18?

18. Why did this take place at this point in the life of Abraham?

19. What lessons should Abraham have learned from this event?

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20. What does this teach us about God and his faithfulness to his own promises?

21. What does this teach us about our sin and God's promises? What hope does this instill in us today?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that God will use his Word in your own life to instill in you the fear of the Lord. Pray that you would understand and believe God's Word in such a way that you are inclined to submit to it. Pray that we would be a church that quickly acknowledges our sin and turns from it. That we would act out of faith in God not fear of man.