

## The Essentials: The Book of Genesis

### Session 3

#### Opening Collect

*Together:* Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Watch Video

**Read: Genesis 15:1-7 (out loud)**

#### Discussion:

1. Did you hear anything new from David's video? If so, what?
2. God says to Abram, "Do not be afraid." What do you think Abram is afraid of?
3. How does Abram not initially trust/have faith in God by choosing *Eliezer of Damascus* as an heir? How do you struggle to trust in God?
4. God can redeem his world however he wants, but he chooses to work through individuals. Talk about why God might begin his plan for salvation with this particular man, Abraham, and his family?
5. Verse 6 says that Abram's faith was counted to him as righteousness. What does it mean to have faith? (Look at Galatians 3:6).
6. How do you foster faith in your own life?
7. God mentions what he has done for Abram. What do you need to remember that God has done for you?

#### Check in and closing prayers

Genesis 15:1-7

[1] After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” [2] But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” [3] And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” [4] And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” [5] And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” [6] And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

[7] And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” (ESV)