**GOD’S COVENANT WITH ABRAM**

Genesis 15:1-21

Key verse 15:6 “Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.”

1. Review what happened to Abram in chapter 14. Why did God refer to himself as Abram’s shield and very great reward? What does Abram’s response reveal about his real problem in his heart?

2. Compare God’s promise in verse 4 with earlier promises in 12:2 and 13:16. How is this promise more specific? Why did God tell him to count the stars? (5)

3. What does it mean that God considered Abram righteous? (6) How was Abram made righteous? (cf. Romans 3:22; 4:20-24)

4. What does Abram’s question regarding the land show about the change in his heart? (7-8)

5. How is Abram’s descendants being slaves in Egypt for 400 years a necessary step in them becoming a great nation? (13-16; Exodus 12:40) What is the significance of God specifying the boundaries of the land he would give to Abram’s descendants?