

Discussion Guide  
*Series: Origins Wk 6: A Tale of Kingdoms*  
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Big Idea

Giving hands know joy and freedom that grasping hands will never know.



Icebreaker

Do you like word games (i.e. crossword puzzles, word searches, wordle, etc.) or number games (i.e. sudoku, number patterns, rummikub, etc.) more and why?



Discussion Questions

1. There is quite a backdrop to Genesis 14:17-24. Recap the events and people seen right before we come to Genesis 14:17-24. For example, what is going on with several kingdoms and who's who and why is this going on, etc.? Also, who is Lot to Abram? What is the status of Lot in all that is going on here? How does Abram respond? What is the outcome of Abram's response? Why is the outcome particularly amazing, showing us that God had to be involved?
2. Read Genesis 14:17-20. Who is Melchizedek and where is he from? Was he involved in what was going on in the backdrop, before this point? What does his name mean and what is the significance of this name? What is the significance of where he is from?
3. What does the seeming "interruption" to all that is going on by Melchizedek showing up remind us of & point us to regarding God? What value of Christ/Christianity (and thus Revive Wesleyan) does Melchizedek demonstrate and how does he do so? How does his act contrast with the other kings in this setting?
4. Now let's talk about Abram. How does Abram respond to Melchizedek's generosity? How does the way in which he did respond directly relate to our financial giving to the church today? Fill in the following blanks: *Abram ch \_\_\_\_\_ to live g \_\_\_\_\_.*
5. Read Genesis 14:21-24. Do you recall what the name of the king of Sodom (Bera) means? How is this significant as we compare his name's meaning to that of the name Melchizedek? What does the way that Abram responds here communicate regarding who will get the credit, or glory, from everything in his life?
6. What is one action step or way that you could apply the learning we are gaining today to your life? Will you do it & if so how & when? Is there a "short-cut" in life that is tempting for you to take, however, you know it is not from God? How do you know that? How do you stay strong to not take it?



Concluding Question

One to wrestle with...how do you think that Abram knew that the wealth being offered to him by the king of Sodom was a "short-cut" and not a way in which God wanted to bless him?



Prayer

Besides personal prayer requests, please pray for the Honduras Medical Mission Team from Revive Wesleyan that will be serving from 2/15-2/22.