Making Decisions in the Light of God's Blessings Genesis 13

Sermon Discussion Questions December 12, 2021

- 1. Discuss some important decisions that you have yet to make in the near future with your group.
- 2. We were taught that every Christian should experience some peace in the face of many of the decisions that we have to make. Have you ever made any decision to put others' interests above your own in order to provide peace? If so, could you share your experience with your small group? And could you let them know how God's Spirit provided the wisdom to you then?
- 3. In this week's sermon, we discussed how Lot chose to live near Sodom, a place that was actively sinning. Genesis 14 tells us that after living near the city, Lot eventually moved in and was living in Sodom. In what ways do we do this? Discuss with the group how living near unrepentant sin can led you to participate in it. What are ways people can get out of these places. Can Calvary help you or someone you know who feels stuck in sin?
- 4. **Read 1 Corinthians 3:20-21.** How does the knowledge that all things are yours because of Christ change the way you think about making decisions. God can bless you no matter the starting place. How can we encourage one another to make loving decisions for others, even if we don't know what the blessing of God will look like?
- 5. The blessings of God can come even in the midst of suffering. What are some ways God has blessed you in a time of suffering? How does knowing that suffering and blessing can exist side by side affect the way you think and pray?
- 6. This Sunday we mentioned that as we face the decisions we need to make in life, we find that God really cares about how we make decisions. It's more important how we make decisions than what decision we make. God is not ready to smite us for making normal life decisions. After reflecting on this, does this provide any comfort to you as you face decisions in your own life?