

## the promise, the chosen, and the greatest...

### warming up

'it's not what you know it's who you know that counts'. is this truism something you think is OK or unfair?

would you use it to describe Christianity? Why, why not...

### looking back...

read Genesis 12.1-3 - what was Abram commanded to do?

what are the key elements of the promise?

what was Abram's response to the promise?

why is the promise still alive at the end of chapter 12?

### today's bible... old testament

read Genesis 13.1-4 - what had Abram done that wasn't consistent with God's command?

read Genesis 13.5-9 - what problem has arisen?

what problem might this raise for the promise?

how might Abram have dealt with the problem in line with the promise?

read Genesis 13.10-13 - on what basis did Lot choose his lot?

did Lot's choice fit God's plan?

what danger did Lot put himself in?

read Genesis 13.14-18 - Abram has to go to the 'unattractive' land, why could he be confident to keep going?

read Genesis 14.1-24 - the four kings put an end to the rebellious five kings... but then Abram (a single king) beat the four... how does the story progress the promise, and build the idea of Abram being chosen?

read Genesis 14.18-20 again - who was Melchizedek?

who blessed whom?

### looking forward - new testament

read Hebrews 7.1-3 - what are we told about Melchizedek?

read Hebrews 7.4-10 - what's the point of the writer's argument?

read Hebrews 7.11-28 - who is really the greatest?

what is better about Jesus' priesthood?

what does this mean for you?

### wrapping up...

Lot prospered when he was aligned to Abram. who do you need to align to?

in what ways could you be tempted to choose what appears attractive, but walk away from God's promise?

what helps you to be satisfied with what might seem unattractive in the world's eyes?

do you think of yourself as chosen and blessed, like Abram?

what in the Abram story so far can you relate to, and what gives you confidence?

Pray: thanking God for his promise, choosing, and the greatest...