



**WEST  
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CHURCH**

#### Week 4

**Sermon Series:** Sojourners: Genesis

**Sermon Title:** "Abram & Kedorlaomer"

**Sermon Text:** Genesis 14:1-24

**Study Handout Week of:** May 1, 2022

**Group Week of:** May 8, 2022

**Sermon Date:** May 15, 2022

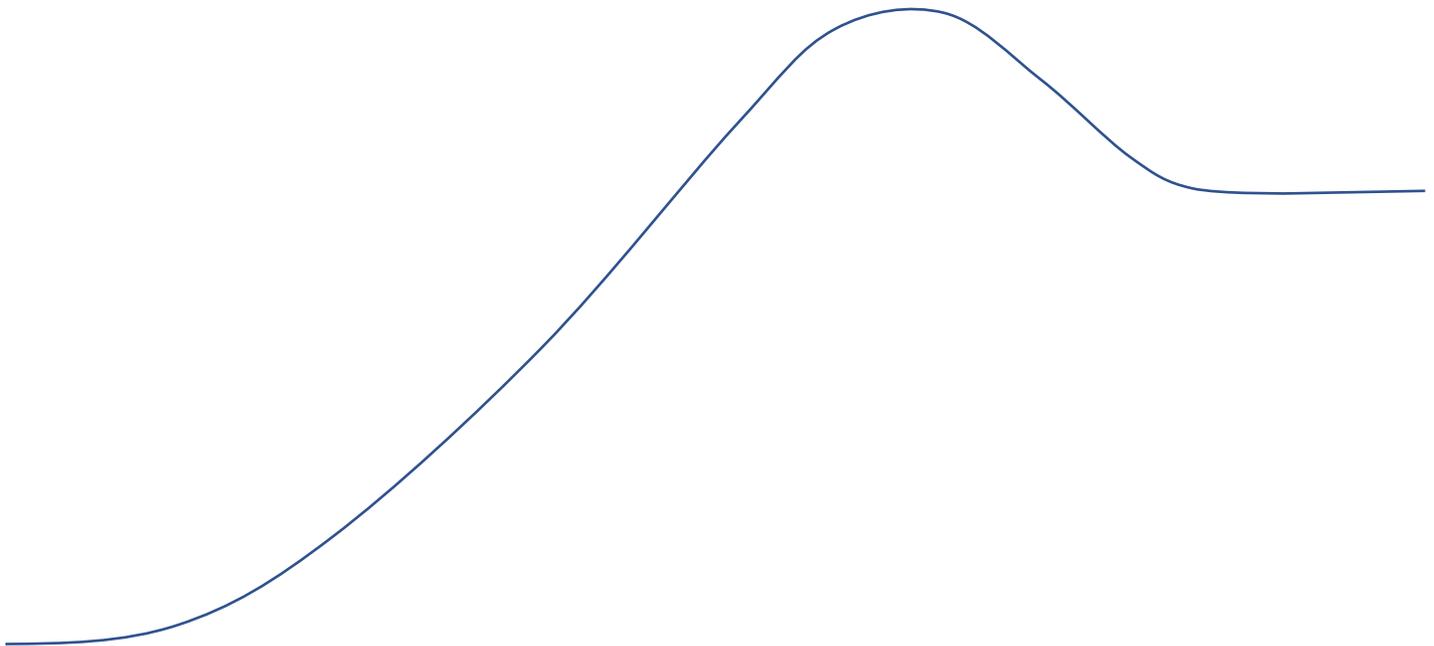
#### Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies

<b>Day 1</b>	David & Goliath – 1 Samuel 17:1-58
<b>Day 2</b>	Gideon's Call – Judges 6:1-40
<b>Day 3</b>	Gideon's Fight – Judges 7:1-25
<b>Day 4</b>	Melchizedek Pt 1 – Hebrews 3:14-4:10
<b>Day 5</b>	Melchizedek Pt 2 – Hebrews 7:1-28

### The Text: Genesis 14:1-24

#### Instructions

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to His words.
- 2) Read the passage.
- 3) Using the "Story Arc" below, insert the verses according to how you see the story begin, grow, climax, fall, and finish.
- 4) Write out the main lesson of the story.
- 5) Write out some of the other lessons along the way.



#### Textual Questions

- 1) What is the central message of this passage?
- 2) Who did Melchizedek worship and why is this important?
- 3) Why does Abram give Melchizedek a tenth of everything?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) King Kedorlaomer's conquest and dominance is the subject of verses 1-12. How, in this story, are we to understand King Kedorlaomer and how does he compare to Abram and his 318 men?
  
- 2) Often, God will allow our problems to be so much larger than what we can deal with, so that we can experience a miraculous display of His power. Share a time in your life when problems were greater than you could handle, but God got you through in a way that clearly demonstrated His power. How has that event shaped the rest of your life?
  
- 3) Lot had chosen to live in the land of Sodom, and the next thing that happened was he got kidnapped after his king fled the battlefield. Have you ever put your hope or refuge in a place that ended up leading you to ruin? If so, share your experience below. What has this taught you about the places to put your hope?
  
- 4) Why was Abram able to defeat, with 318 men, a king with a coalition of four armies who had subjugated a total of 11 other kings/peoples?
  
- 5) When we emerge victorious, even though the odds are against us, it is easy to give the glory to ourselves rather than to God. Has this ever happened in your life? Secondly, how can we guard ourselves against the desire to steal glory from God?
  
- 6) Abram's giving of 10% to King Melchizadek of Salem *and* his refusal to keep any of the spoils of war for himself (and thus give some credit to the King of Sodom) show that he believes and wants the world to know that God gets the glory for this battle. In doing so, Abram teaches us how to worship God in a pagan world. What lessons does this story teach you about worshiping God and giving Him glory in a sinful world?
  
- 7) In life we will all be in situations when the odds are against us. But it is those moment where God glorifies Himself in our weakness. Take a moment to consider how you would teach that lesson to a new believer. Write out your ideas below and apply them to your own life. Share the fruits of that exercise with your Life Group.