

ABRAHAM: JOURNEY OF FAITH

Discussion Guide
Week 2 – January 20
TRUE NORTH | Genesis 13

Introduction

True North is a term that's used in the business world, but also can be applied to every part of a person's life. When you have your TRUE NORTH identified, you know what your life's all about. You know what you're doing and why you're doing it. You have a very clear sense of direction.

Abraham's TRUE NORTH was the call of God on his life. God's call to be a blessing to this world. It determined what was most important to him...what mattered and what didn't matter. It guided the decisions and choices he made. It guided what he did and didn't do.

Read Genesis chapters 12 and 13 before beginning this week's study.

Questions for Study

1. God's call for Abraham is given in Genesis 12:1-3. Write out in your own words what this call means for Abraham. How is it possible for everyone on earth to be blessed through Abraham? Who is the blessing?
2. What part do you and I play in God's call on Abraham's life? Do we share it in any way? If yes, how?
3. What would you say is your TRUE NORTH?
4. In the 12th chapter how did Abraham allow himself to get sidetracked in his journey of faith?
5. Would you say that there's been anything you've recently allowed to sidetrack you in your own journey of faith? Is there anything in your life these days that has the potential to sidetrack you?
6. In chapter 13 Abraham becomes a *mentor** to learn from by getting back on track with God's call on his life. What first step did he take to get back on track?
7. It's in reading chapter 13 that we learn of a conflict that developed between Abraham and Lot's herdsmen. What do we learn from Abraham in this situation that makes him a mentor to imitate?
8. How do you think Abraham knowing his TRUE NORTH helped him do what was both right and wise in this situation?
9. From what you read about Lot in chapter 13, what do you think he had as his TRUE NORTH?
10. Read Hebrews 11:8-10. How did what we learn about Abraham in verse 10 give him what he needed to give Lot first choice of where to live?
11. What is the end result for each man in Genesis 13 because of the TRUE NORTH they chose for their lives?

* "The Divine Mentor" written by Wayne Cordeiro This is an excellent book on how to study the Bible.