

Going Deeper Questions
Dealing with the Darkness

Genesis 15
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1. Think through the latest news. What news would you say reflects that the kingdom of darkness is a controlling force? What news would you say reflects that the kingdom of God is a controlling force?
2. According to Joshua 24:2 what was the guiding influence in the family of origin for Abram/Abraham? What “other gods” do people serve today?
3. Jeremy said that Genesis 12:1-3 is an outline of the entire Bible. Read that passage out loud and see if you can identify what God is talking about that is expanded upon in the rest of the Bible.
4. Things happen in life that are downright scary (cf. Genesis 14 and all that was happening around Abram; or, the story Jeremy shared). Have you had anything scary happen to you? How has God been a shield to you, or has He (cf. Gen 15:1)?
5. In Genesis 15:6 Abram is described as a man of faith; but, he put his faith *in* the Lord. How is putting our faith in the Lord different than putting our faith in what the Lord does? Do you put your faith in the Lord, or do you put your faith in what the Lord does?
6. Genesis 15:7 – God guided the path of Abram. Share some stories on how you have seen God guide your path. How do we know that it is the Lord guiding us and not just us going along with life?
7. Read John 8:12. This passage can be used as an indicator of how you are doing at following Jesus: how does this verse help us evaluate this? How are you doing at following Jesus?