



### **Look Back**

- Group check in...How did this past week go for you?
- Review what things you have been praying for the past month or two and update one another on those things.
- Last week, we discussed welcoming the foreigner. Did you have any conversations this past week about this with anyone? Have you changed the way you think about the foreigner at all during this past week?

### **Look Up**

“Don’t talk to strangers” or “stranger danger” is the mantra of many a family. While understanding the need for caution in this day and age, phrases like these can also infuse into us an unhealthy fear of strangers...those with whom are not familiar to us. Where is that line between being hospitable to a stranger and still being wise in our interactions? Fear is a powerful weapon used by the enemy to instill paralysis. Yet, Jesus came that we might have life fully, and he entrusted to us the task of pointing people to, and welcoming them into his Kingdom.

Hebrews 13 begins by saying, “Keep on living each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” In Matthew 25 Jesus is pretty clear that there is a direct relationship between welcoming the stranger and our eternal relationship with God!

As we read our text today, think through how we can reject being ruled by fear. Think through how we can wisely and hospitably welcome the stranger...into our homes, into community, and into the kingdom. How can we move into the mindset of the way we treat the stranger is possibly the way we view and act toward Jesus?

### **Read Genesis 18:1-15**

- What do you learn about God?
- What do you learn about people and yourself?
- What do you find difficult or challenging?

### **Look Forward**

- What things have you been taught about interacting with strangers? How has this affected your view and how you act toward strangers?
- Who would classify as a “stranger” to you? Why?
- From what you know, how do you think Jesus treated the strangers when he was here in earth?
- God often puts people in our path in for their sake and for ours. How can you, this week, be intentional about reaching out to and welcoming the strangers that God puts in your path?