

OPENING DOORS

Recognition | Ron Holton

ICEBREAKER:

What can you celebrate and give thanks to God for this week?

READ:

Genesis 14:17-20

DISCUSS/OBSERVE:

1. What do we learn about God from these verses and this sermon?
2. When you experience a victory or blessing in life, who usually gets the recognition first?
3. After Abram returned from rescuing Lot, he was met by two men. Who were they and how did they treat Abram?
4. How does the encounter between Abram and Melchizedek serve as a picture of the way Christ has rescued and blessed us?
5. How did Abram acknowledge God's blessing in his life, according to Genesis 14:20?
6. How would Abram's culture have understood the tithe?

REFLECTION:

Prayerfully consider, do you usually give God your first-fruits or your leftovers?

Write a prayer of gratitude to God for delivering us from our enemies, both physical and spiritual, and for crediting our faith as righteousness in Christ Jesus. Thank Him for the victories that have already come, and those that are yet to come.

APPLICATION:

Ask the Holy Spirit to examine your heart and reveal any areas where you have not acknowledged God's blessing and/or recognized Him as the giver of every good gift in your life?