

The Heart of the Matter

14. In this passage, who do you identify with the most? Why?

- a) Abraham who waited.
- b) Lot who hesitated.
- c) Angels who rescued.
- d) Sons-in-law who mocked.
- e) Lot's wife who looked back.

15. How does our society compare with Sodom? What has kept God from intervening?

16. When does looking back become destructive as it did for Lot's wife? What does her looking back symbolize to you in your own life?

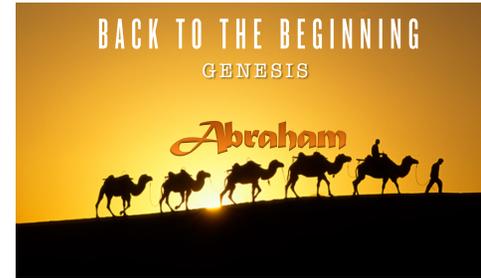
17. What can we learn from this account about trying to lead a godly life in a sinful society?

18. Why do the people in our culture think that God's coming judgment is a joke? What do you think?

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Life Group Study Guide

Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 19:1-29 For the Week of March 11, 2018

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Have you ever been surprised by visitors? What did you do?

3. What was the most serious danger that you were ever in?

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Digging Deeper

4. As Abraham did in 18:2-8, how does Lot show hospitality to these angelic visitors in 19:1-8?

5. What might have happened if Lot had not taken them in? What might have happened to Lot had it not been for the intervention of the angelic visitors? V9-11

6. What does the Bible say about homosexuality? (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26; I Corinthians 6:9; I Timothy 1:10)

7. What do you make of Lot offering his daughters to the men in the streets in verse 8?

8. What did the continued behavior of the Sodomites prove beyond all doubt in verse 9?

9. Why does Lot hesitate to leave the condemned city of Sodom? V16

- a) Lot is disbelieving.
- b) Lot is steeped in sin.
- c) Lot is too high up in the society.
- d) Lot is compassionately concerned about those who will perish.
- e) Lot just seems clueless.

10. From verses 1-11, Ezekiel 16:49ff, and Matthew 10:11-16, what reasons warrant the total destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah?

11. In God's dealings with Abraham, Lot, and Sodom (18:16 - 19:29), what can you learn about God's character and purposes; His judgment and mercy?

12. Why didn't Lot's prospective sons-in-law listen to him?

13. What or who brings about Lot's salvation in the end? What or who brings about your salvation in the end?