

GENESIS (18:16-19:29)
Week's Reading: Genesis 18-21
Discussion Guide, August 15, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. - Galatians 3:7

- How did you trust in the promises of God this past week?

OPEN by PRAYER

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- What stood out to you from this past week's reading?
- What questions do you have?

READ and ASK: Gen 18:16-19:29, Ezekiel 16:49-50, Eph 4:22-24, 2 Tim 2:22

- What question does Abraham ask God? Is it a fair question?
- Though Abraham pleads with God, what seems to be his posture before Him?
 - o What evidence is there of his posture before God?
 - o Are there some lessons we can learn from Abraham in this? What are they?
- What do you find comforting and discomfiting in God's reply?
- 2 Peter 2:7 calls Lot righteous.
 - o In what ways does Lot show evidence of righteousness?
 - o In what ways has he clearly been corrupted by Sodom?
- What was the sin of Sodom? How is this consistent with the sin that entered in Genesis, continued its effect in Cain, leading to the account of Noah and so on?
- What do you think was happening in Lot's wife's heart when she looked back?
- What do we learn about God in this text? About his judgment? Mercy? Justice?
- In what ways is the world today like Sodom? How is it different?

APPLY:

- If you pause and reflect, how has God shown patience to you?
- Is there anyone that you need to intercede before God for like Abraham did?
- Whether Lot's wife was dragging her feet in not wanting to leave or was longing to back in the "good ol evil days", she had affection for this sinful city. In what ways have you "looked back" to the destructive life you once lived?
- What examples does Lot give you to follow, and to avoid, in trying to lead a godly life in society?
 - o In what ways are we to be *in the world but not of it*?
- NEXT STEP(S): How does Ephesians 4:22-24, and 2 Timothy 2 challenge you to live this week?

Memory Work:

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. - 2 Timothy 2:22

Next Week's Reading:

Genesis 22-24