

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Genesis 18 & 19 straight through, as you would read the chapters of any book.

Questions:

1. Was there anything in the passage read during the week or in the lecture (Friday morning) that was of particular interest, surprised you or caused you concern in the chapters this week?
2. Chapter 18 starts with an appearance of the Lord to Abraham. What is important about hospitality that Abraham was keen to offer it? How can we cultivate and develop it in our lives?
3. Where and how does God confirm the promises He already made to Abraham (see Genesis 17:19,21)
4. Reading v. 9-15, what do you think was at the root of Sarah's laughter? Do you think she truly believed God's promise?
5. Why does the Lord say that He is going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? What does the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah have to do with Abraham and his family? (Clue: verse 19)

6. Abraham intercedes or advocates for the Lord to show mercy. Do you think Abraham changed the Lord's mind, or the Lord was prompting / training Abraham to advocate for others?

7. Should we intercede and advocate for others? Can you think of specific individuals or groups that you can intercede for?

8. In Genesis 19:9 what do the men say?
 - Do you think people are still saying that, or something similar today?

 - Are you saying it, hearing it, or both?

9. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, Lot, his wife & two daughters escaped....who ended up physically pulling them from danger (v.16) and safely out of the city?

10. Lot's wife looked back, and paid the consequences – why do we 'look back' at sin even when we know the consequences?

Are there any sins in your life that you look back to, or fall back into dangerously often? Do you have an escape plan to guard yourself against them? Pray about it/them – you do not need to share unless you feel comfortable to do so.

Focus verses: Psalm 51:10-12 is a renewal Psalm when David confesses and repents of sin. Write out verse 10 and pray it for yourself.