

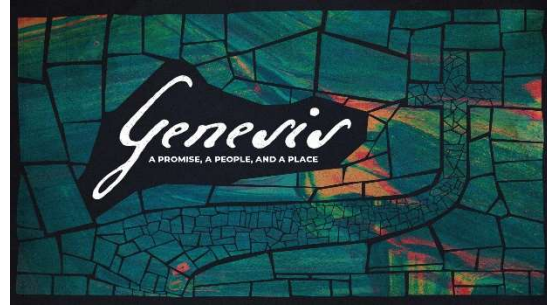
Sermon Discussion Guide

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Text: Genesis 18:16 – 19:38

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SUMMARY

Big Idea: God's Judgment is Just, and His Grace is Sufficient for Those Who Believe

In Genesis 18:16 - 19:38, we read of God's judgment and destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Are God's actions just? "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" (18:25). The passage answers, "yes." But how and why? Verse 20 tells us, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave.." It's easy to point and poke at the "sin of Sodom" that is "out there" in our world, nation, and city; However, the effect that this passage should render in our hearts and minds is a warning, a "beware" of the Sodom that resides in our own hearts.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opener. When we see someone get pulled over by the police for speeding, we tend to cheer, "justice!" But when the tables are turned and we get pulled over, we plead "mercy!" We judge others quickly, and desire endless grace and mercy for ourselves. Where have you seen this proclivity in your own life?

How does this relate to the passage of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, and seeing this not merely as an "out there" message, but a "beware" message?

Read Genesis 18:16-21

1. Why does God reveal what he was about to do to Abraham?
 - a. In reading this account, why does God reveal this to us?

Read Genesis 18:22-33

2. When you pray, are your prayers more for yourself or for others? Why is such intercession needed and good for us?

Read Genesis 19:1-29

3. Regarding Lot's lingering and his wife's "looking back", how do Jesus' words in Luke 17:28-33 draw out the main takeaway for us?
 - a. What comforts of the world have you begun to let settle in your soul? What things if you were asked to flee from would cause you consternation?

Read Genesis 19:30-38

4. God rescued Lot's family, leading them out of the city. In what way does "the city" still live in them?
 - a. What are the things of "the city" that are really hard to get out of you?

Are you willing to take a stand against the wickedness of this age? Can you do so in a manner that is fully aware of the sin and wickedness in your own heart? How might such an awareness flavor your "taking a stand"?