

Focus Verse

“So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.” – Genesis 19:29

FIRST DAY: Read the notes and the references.

1. Use this space to record how you have seen God’s activity during the week. (How has He provided, answered, comforted, reconciled, guided, etc.?)
2. What questions do you have about God’s plan for the world?

SECOND DAY: Read Genesis 18:16-33.

Abraham interceded with God for Sodom and Gomorrah.

3. What was reconfirmed about God, Abraham and their relationship in verses 16-21?
4. Why would Abraham appeal for Sodom to be spared? What do you learn from Abraham’s prayers and God’s responses (18:23-33)?
5. What did Abraham’s prayers reveal about his belief about God?
6. How might this affect the content of your prayers?

THIRD DAY: Read Genesis 19:1-14; Ezekiel 16:49-50; 2 Peter 2:5-11

God’s angels visited Sodom and told Lot of coming destruction. Note: Lot was Abraham’s nephew who came with him to Canaan. He parted from Abraham and lived in Sodom. He had returned to Sodom after Abraham rescued his family from danger due to living there. (See Genesis 12-14.)

7. What evidences do you find that Lot was deeply influenced by his culture and surroundings instead of deeply influencing his culture?
8. Lot sinned by proposing grievous sin involving his daughters to resolve the men’s wicked demands (19:6-8).
 - a. What do you learn about the depth of wickedness in the city?
 - b. What do you learn about God?

9. Genesis 3 teaches every person will experience the impact of sin and wickedness, and it promises God will ultimately judge every sin. What challenges or comforts do you find in these two truths personally or as they relate to our society today?

FOURTH DAY: Read Genesis 19:15-29.

God's angels delivered Lot and his family from Sodom's destruction.

10. How does Scripture describe Lot's family's departure from Sodom and Gomorrah? Why would Lot hesitate to leave?
11. What do you learn about judgment from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah?
12. What are you holding onto or longing for that may be destructive for you or your family?

FIFTH DAY: Read Genesis 19:30-38.

The sins of Lot's family bore consequences for generations.

13. What was Lot's daughters' response to their new circumstances? Why?
14. What kinds of justification do people make for their choices today?
15. Which nations descended from Lot? What relationship did they have to God's plan for Israel? (See Numbers 25:1; Ruth 1:4; 4:13-17; Jeremiah 48:46-47; Ezekiel 25:3-6 and Matthew 1:5-6.)
16. What lessons from this passage are applicable to your life?

SIXTH DAY: Review Genesis 18:16-19:38.

17. What attribute of God resonated most from your study of this week's passage, and how do you see that attribute displayed in the world today?
18. Homiletics for group and administrative leaders: Genesis 18:16-19:38

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