

Genesis Bible Study Assignment

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Reading: Genesis 18:16 through chapter 19

Discussion Questions

Genesis Chapter 18:16-33

1. How did God know of the depravity of Sodom and Gomorrah?
2. Why did God decide to inform Abraham about what God planned to do to Sodom & Gomorrah?
3. Abraham “bargains” with God about the fate of Sodom and its inhabitants, and God agrees to Abraham’s conditions. What might this mean for the relationship between a human and God?

Genesis 19:1-11

4. What does Genesis 19:4 imply about the number of righteous people in Sodom?
5. In Genesis 19:5, the men of Sodom surrounding Lot’s house order Lot to give them the men staying in his house so they might “know” them (i.e. sexually). What does the act want to perform compare to in our society?
6. This story in Genesis has been used to categorize homosexuality as wicked and condemned by God. How do the actions (or planned actions) of the men of Sodom compare to committed, monogamous same-gender relationships in modern times?
7. What does Lot offer to the men of Sodom in place of giving them the men staying in his house? What does this tell you about the value of hospitality versus what Lot offers?

Genesis 19:12-29

8. Why do you think Lot hesitated to leave Sodom?

9. What natural occurrence does a “rain of sulfur and fire” remind you of? What is another natural disaster that has been interpreted as God’s judgment?

10. How many people were spared from what happened to Sodom compared to how many were offered escape? Why didn’t all of them make it out?

11. How does the salvation granted in this story compare to the way you understand salvation from a Christian perspective?

Genesis 19:30-38

12. What did Lot’s daughters do to ensure the continuation of Lot’s family line? Why did they think it was necessary?

13. One of Lot’s daughters gave birth to Moab, ancestor of the Moabites. One of his descendants was Ruth, ancestor of King David and eventually Jesus. Does this change the way you feel about how Lot’s daughters arranged to become pregnant? Why or why not?