

Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of January 16, 2022

Abraham: God the Righteous Judge. Gen. 19

Big Idea: Jesus has brought the Lord's favor to us by bearing God's judgment.

Goal: To inspire greater worship of Jesus because He took our judgment.

Prepare

This week we're diving into *Genesis 19* asking God to help us hate sin yet experience His grace overflowing to others. The personal preparation time & discussion are meant to help us flesh out what we've learned through the sermon and apply it more thoroughly in our lives together.

Watch Pastor Shawn's sermon, *God the Righteous Judge*, noting anything memorable and impactful as you go. You can take notes in the FBC app if you'd like.

Read Genesis 19, Matthew 11:23, Romans 2:4

Pray: Father, help us see how Your wrath over sin and incredible love for people come together perfectly.

Connect

How 'bout them Dawgs?! (From the most serious Bulldogs fan on staff!)

Discussion

Take some time to personally reflect on these questions after viewing the sermon and before your G2. It could make for a great morning devotional time! You can type and save your responses in the FBC app privately if you would like.

1. What did you learn about God and yourself from this sermon and passage and what would you like to see change in your life because of it?

2. Lot's decision to live in Sodom, surrounded by depravity, put him in a terrible dilemma—whether to protect his guests or his family. How do the effects of sin (yours & others') complicate your life & put you in compromising situations?
 - a. Why was Lot so hesitant to leave Sodom & how did the angels finally get him to leave the city?

 - b. How far is God willing to go to persuade you to leave your sinful life behind? Talk about a time when you experienced God's patience while in your sin or a time when His discipline was swift yet still gracious.

3. What are some ways you act as Lot's wife did, looking back on your old sin-filled life with longing & wishing you didn't have to leave it behind? How does this attitude affect your relationship with God?

4. It is common for people, particularly when surrounded by blatant immorality, to see themselves as better than others, yet the Gospel tells us we are far worse than we realize. How does the way you treat people reveal the way you see yourself better than you really are?

a. How might seeing yourself more accurately and applying the Gospel change the way you treat others?

5. Struggling to recognize & live knowing Jesus experienced God's wrath in our place can lead to anxiety, self-righteousness, and self-pity. What are some ways you have seen Christians fall into this trap?

a. Which are you prone to? Apply the Gospel to your situation & help your group do so for themselves.

Closing Prayer

This prayer section is a guide to help you process with God what you've learned about Him and yourself through the sermon, personal preparation time, and discussion, then seek the Holy Spirit's power in applying it in your life. Sharing these responses in your G2 will help others gain insight into God & themselves while also helping and encouraging one another toward growth.

Admire: What have you learned about God through this sermon, discussion, and Scripture? Praise Him for it. **Possible response:** God, we praise you because You are our deliverer, always working to lead us from & free us from sin.

Admit: What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you as areas where you are falling short? Confess it to God. **Possible response:** God, we confess we sometimes still love our sin.

Aspire: What is a specific change you want to see in your life or action you and/or your G2 could take based in this time of interaction? **Possible Response:** God help us hate sin yet desire God's saving grace to change us & others.

Ask: Keep track of requests & celebrations from others in your G2 & pray for them.