

LESSON 25

The Overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah

Genesis 18:1-19:38

WELCOME

A Time for **Assembly**

Introduction to gather together through an ice breaker (10 minutes)

To start: Share briefly how your officemates, business associates or friends got to know that you are a Christian.

WORSHIP

A Time for **Adoration**

Inspiration to worship God through invocation, thanksgiving, and reading of Scripture (25 minutes)

Suggested Songs:

Lord, Be Glorified, by Bob Kilpatrick (page 56)

Change My Heart, O God, by Eddie Espinosa (page 51)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18:1-19:38

WORD

A Time for **Admonition**

Instruction to communicate one's investigation of the story (content), interpretation based on the setting (context), and integration of the two for the spiritual truth (concept) (50 minutes)

1. Even after God assured Abraham and Sarah that nothing is impossible with Him, Sarah still laughed in unbelief at the promise of a son (18:11-15). Did she continue in this state of unbelief? Read Hebrews 11:11.
2. Why did the Lord say he would return the next year? What was the purpose of his passing by (18:3,10)?
3. What can we learn from God and Abraham's "bargaining" (18:23-33)?
4. What does "the way of the Lord" and "doing righteousness and justice"

mean? (18:19)

5. Lot was a believer of God. Why then could he offer his own daughters to the wicked men of Sodom (19:8)?
6. What could be the reason why Lot's sons-in-law did not take his sound of alarm that God's judgment had come to Sodom (19:12-14)?
7. Did God save Lot from the judgment of Sodom because of his own merit (19:27-29)?
8. What are two horrendous consequences of Lot's adoption of the wickedness of Sodom (19:30-38)? Read 2 Kings 24:2 and 2 Chronicles 20:1.

WALK

A Time for **Accountability**

Invitation to apply the implication of the Scripture (connect), implementation of a specific action (conduct), and intercession for the saints/seekers (concern) (about 35 minutes)

1. What practices common to our society do you think God considers unacceptable?
2. How can we strengthen our testimony to people who reject the standards of the Bible?
3. Set a time this week for personal examination when you will ask the Holy Spirit to impress on you any sinful habit or tendency that you have long been following.
4. How can the group pray for you? Share now your personal needs or concerns with your accountability and prayer partners. These may include attitudes that need to be changed and/or specific actions to be done in obedience to God's Word. As you intercede for each other, pray also for others outside the group who need to know Jesus.