



FIRST LIGHT CHURCH

# SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Date: 4/14/2024

Series: Abraham

Text: Genesis 19: 1-22

**BIG IDEA: Rescued By The Mercy Of God**

**ICEBREAKER: Describe a time when someone came to your "rescue."**

**CONTEXT:** This scripture passage is the historical narrative of Lot and his family, who were living in the sin-ridden city of Sodom, being rescued from certain peril by angelic beings. The passage notes the sinful and depraved intentions of the Sodomites toward the angelic beings who were being housed in Lot's house and further describes how the angels protected Lot. Later in the chapter, we read where the angels urgently prompted Lot and his family to flee from the impending and destructive intent of God's judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah to the town of Zoar.

**PASSAGE:** Have volunteers read Genesis 19:1-22.

## DISCUSSION:

1. Why does it seem like Lot was well aware of the extreme depravity of the inhabitants of this locale? How did Lot seem to immediately recognize the holiness of the angels as they entered the city gates?
2. Lot's decision to offer up his daughters was horrific and desperate. What ways can we become so blinded by our sin that we fail to see the destruction that follows?
3. Why does it seem like Lot and his family were in no hurry to leave (v. 16), knowing that God was getting ready to destroy the city? Do you think you would react differently? Why?
4. How does this story help you to better understand God's displeasure with sin? Are you motivated to move differently, keeping this in mind?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and discuss how this relates to the story of Lot living in Sodom. What ways can we avoid falling into dark and desperate situations?
6. God's mercy often comes with directives that must be followed. What did the angels tell Lot and his family to do in verse 17? Describe how this relates to repentance?

## APPLICATION:

7. Has God ever told you to leave somewhere or to stop something so that He could reveal His will to you later? Discuss this with your group.
8. Why is fully trusting in God's plan sometimes difficult for us?

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION:

Oftentimes God will use believers to help others who are in desperate situations to be able to find hope and rescue. As Jesus' followers, we are to act as His hands and His feet by going to those in dire need by offering them care and love during their times of struggle and despair. Alongside sharing the Gospel message of eternal hope, we must practically demonstrate God's love to those who are facing dire circumstances by bringing them relief. Sometimes this can be financially or physically meeting a need. Maybe it is an opportunity to pray over someone and give them a much needed

hug. Ask God to fill your heart with compassion and care for those who are distressed and feeling hopeless and be obedient to what He is compelling you to do.

**CARE AND PRAY:**

- Ask God to forgive you for not trusting in His plan and seeking your own will first.
- Pray that God will bring you to others who are in desperate need of mercy, love, and grace.
- Pray for the upcoming events within the life of our church such as: Kids Camp, Student Life Camp, VBS and for upcoming changes to some of our current ministries.