

## Sodom and Gomorrah - Genesis 18:1-20:18

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### Open It

- \* 1. What is your favorite city or part of the country, and what do you like about it?
- 2. When do you think it is important to be hospitable to strangers?

### Explore It

- 3. Who visited Abraham, and how did Abraham respond to their visit? (18:2-8)
- 4. What did Abraham's visitors tell him, and how did Sarah respond to their message? (18:9-12)
- 5. How did Sarah respond when the Lord confronted her? (18:13-15)
- 6. How did Abraham respond to the Lord's plan? (18:16-33)
- 7. Who visited Lot? (19:1-2)
- 8. How did the men in Sodom and Gomorrah treat Lot's guests, and how did Lot respond? (19:4-8)
- 9. What happened to the men surrounding Lot's house? (19:9-11)
- 10. When Lot and his family fled the city, what did his visitors tell them to do and not to do? (19:16-25)
- \* 11. Why did Lot leave Sodom at the last minute? (19:12-22)
- \* 12. What did Lot's wife do, and what happened to her? (19:26)
- \* 13. What did Lot's daughters do? Why? (19:30-38)
- 14. What did Abraham say about Sarah, and what happened as a result? (20:1-2)
- 15. How did God speak to Abimelech, and what did He tell him? (20:3-7)
- 16. What did Abimelech do in response to what God told him? (20:8-10)
- 17. What explanation did Abraham give for what he did? (20:11-13)
- 18. What did Abimelech give Abraham, and what was Abraham's response? (20:14-18)

### Get It

- \* 19. In what ways do we become hardened to the evil around us?
- 20. How does our society desensitize people to sinful behavior?
- 21. What is something you have thought was impossible for God to do?
- 22. What is something for which you have found it hard to trust God? Why?
- 23. How does Sodom and Gomorrah compare to our society?
- 24. In what ways do people sometimes make their family suffer in order to uphold someone else's expectations?
- 25. Why is it sometimes hard to flee from sin?
- 26. Why are we tempted to resort to sinful means to achieve our goals rather than to trust God to work things out?
- 27. Why are some temptations harder to resist than others?
- \* 28. How can we avoid falling into the sinful patterns that others consider good or normal?

### Apply It

- \* 29. What can you do to become a better critic of the world's standards?
- 30. With what area of your life do you need to trust God more?
- 31. What specific steps will you take this week to be on guard against temptation?