

STEP UP.

MEETING AGENDA

1. OPENING PRAYER – Ask one person to Open the meeting in prayer.
2. DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS – Ask everyone the Development Questions.
3. ATTENDANCE – Take attendance through the SG Attendance System.
4. TODAY'S LESSON – Go over this week's SG lesson.
5. CLOSING PRAYER – Ask for prayer requests and pray.

Development Questions

Question #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?

Question #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?

Question #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

This Week's Passage:

Genesis 18:16-33 (NIV)

16 When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. 17 Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? 18 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. 19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." 20 Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous 21 that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." 22 The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing--to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" 26 The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." 27 Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, 28 what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." 29 Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." 31 Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." 33 When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

Connection Question:

How does Abraham's bold intercession reveal both God's character and the responsibility of God's people?

TRUTH #1:

God Reveals His Heart and His Ways to Those He Chooses

Discussion Points:

1. God shares His plans with Abraham, showing relational closeness (Genesis 18:17 NIV).
2. God values righteousness and justice (Genesis 18:19 NIV).
3. God's revelation invites partnership rather than passive observation (Psalm 25:14 NIV).

Growth Question:

What steps can you take to walk more intentionally in righteousness and justice?

TRUTH #2:

God Responds to Bold, Faith-Filled Intercession

Discussion Points:

1. Abraham appeals to God's justice and mercy (Genesis 18:25 NIV).
2. Intercession reflects God's own heart of compassion (Ezekiel 22:30 NIV).
3. God invites His people to pray with persistence (Luke 18:1 NIV).

Growth Question:

What keeps most people from interceding boldly for others?

TRUTH #3:

God's Justice Is Perfect, Righteous, and Full of Mercy

Discussion Points:

1. God is willing to spare entire cities for the sake of a few righteous people (Genesis 18:26–32 NIV).
2. God's justice is measured, intentional, and righteous (Psalm 89:14 NIV).
3. God's mercy is extended even when human sin is great (2 Peter 3:9 NIV).

Growth Question:

How should God's mercy shape the way we respond to the sin around us?

GO THEREFORE QUESTION:

How is God calling you to step into bold intercession and faithful obedience this week?

PRAYER:

Question #1

Who are you praying for to be saved?

Question #2

Who can you invite to Church and/or to Small Group?

Question #3

What are your prayer requests?

HAVE A GREAT WEEK! WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!