CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Abraham: A Journey of Faith with a Faithful God
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Big Idea: God both judges our sin and rescues us from it

- Ice Breaker: If you could spend an entire week doing one comfortable thing without feeling guilty, what would it be? Watching TV, sleeping late, eating your favorite foods, or something else?

Key Points
Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon.

- God takes sin seriously and will judge sin.
- God is both a just judge and a merciful Savior.
- Lot was rescued because God was merciful, not because he made all the right choices.
- Over time, the culture around us shapes what we think and what we do.
- Compromise often happens gradually, one seemingly reasonable step at a time.
- God calls us not simply to escape sin but to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus.
- Lot was saved by God's mercy because someone was standing before God on his behalf

Discussion Questions
Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below.

- What was your biggest takeaway? What stuck out the most or moved you on a personal level?
- Did anything bother you? What questions did you have?

Making it Personal
Review with your group the impact this week's sermon made on you personally.

- Share about a time you tried to negotiate something and had interesting results. What did you learn from the experience?
- What is something your family, friends, and/or coworkers know you for? Are you proud of that reputation or is it something you'd like to change?
- The sermon described Lot's gradual movement toward compromise: he looked at the land, moved near Sodom, moved into the city, and eventually became an established part of it. Why do you think gradual compromise can be harder to recognize than an obvious wrong choice?
- When has your physical environment, including the people living there, had an impact on you either positively or negatively? Was there a spiritual impact?
- The sermon described Sodom as a culture that was arrogant, comfortable, and unconcerned about people in need. Which of those attitudes can be easiest to slip into when life is busy or comfortable?
- Lot hesitated when the angels told him to leave, even though his life was in danger. Is there an area where you know God is calling you to change, but you have been slow to respond? What makes it difficult to move forward?

Scripture Review
Revisit some of the scripture passages from this week and discuss the questions below.

- **Genesis 18:20-33 and Genesis 19:1-29**
- What do Abraham's conversations with God reveal about God's character and His willingness to show mercy?
- In Genesis 19:16, Lot hesitates, yet the angels take him by the hand and lead him to safety. What does this tell us about God's mercy?

Diving Deeper

Use the verses below to dive into other passages of scripture that relate to the primary scripture passage from this week's sermon.

- **Old Testament:** Psalm 103:8-14, Ezekiel 18:23, Genesis 15:6, Proverbs 13:20, Exodus 32:9-14, 2 Kings 20:1-6
- **New Testament:** John 3:16-18, Romans 5:6-9, Titus 3:3-7, 2 Peter 3:9, Acts 17:30, 2 Corinthians 3:18 & 5:10

Application & Action

Our lives are constantly being shaped by the influences we allow in, often in ways we don't recognize until compromise has taken root. As we reflect on Lot's story, consider how God may be inviting you to examine what is shaping you, make room for His truth, show greater compassion to others, and rest in His mercy.

- **Recognize — Where Am I Drifting?**
  Lot did not move from living near Sodom to becoming deeply established in the city overnight. His compromise developed gradually.
  - What habits, attitudes, or influences might be slowly shaping you in ways you do not want to go?
  - What can you do to begin turning around and going back in the other direction?
- **Renew — What Is Shaping My Mind?**
  Romans 12:2 calls us not to conform to the pattern of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.
  - What voices most influence your sense of what is normal, acceptable, or important?
  - What is one practical way you could make more room for God's Word to shape your thinking this week?
- **Respond — Where Can I Choose Mercy?**
  Ezekiel 16:49 describes Sodom as arrogant, overfed, and unconcerned about the poor and needy.
  - Where might comfort or busyness be keeping you from noticing the needs of people around you?
  - What is one specific way you could move toward someone in need this week—with your time, attention, generosity, or service?
- **Remember — God Is Both Just and Merciful**
  The story of Sodom reminds us that sin matters to God, but Lot's rescue reminds us that God is merciful. Through Jesus, we have the hope of rescue and forgiveness.
  - Why is it important to hold together both the seriousness of sin and the goodness of God's mercy?
  - Is there an area where you need to stop hiding, acknowledge your sin, and receive God's grace?

Take the Next Step Together - Pray for someone who needs rescue

As a group, take a few moments to think of people in your lives who may be drifting from God, struggling with destructive patterns, or unaware of their need for Jesus.

- Without sharing details that would violate someone's privacy, name the kinds of situations you want to pray for.
- Pray that God would open hearts, bring people to repentance, and help you respond with both truth and compassion.
- Ask God to show you one practical way to love or serve someone this week.

Two-minute Takeaway

In response to this week's message, commit to taking two minutes each day to take a step closer to God.

Take two minutes to be intentionally shaped by God. Whether through scripture, song, prayer, time in creation, silence or rest, set aside space to let His voice be the loudest.

Prayer

Close your group time together with prayer.