

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Genesis 19:1-3, 12-16

For Starting

- What is your favourite spot/location in Sussex? Why?
- Your house is on fire & everyone is safe. You have 30 seconds to go and collect 1 or 2 items. What would you grab? Why?
- When was the last time you did something for the first time?
- If you were able to meet Abraham or Lot, what ONE question would you like to ask them?

For Reviewing

- Where was Lot when he met the 2 angels (v.1) What usually happened there? (2 Chron 18:9, Prov 1:20-21, Jer 17:19-20).
- What did Lot offer to the 2 angels (v.2)? How did they reply?
- Who else did the 2 angels urge Lot to rescue (v.12-13)? How was Lot's invitation to escape received (v.14)?
- At what time did the 2 angels urge Lot and his family to flee (v.15)? Did the angels explain what was going to happen?
- Did Lot and his family leave willingly (v.16)? How does their attitude speak about their desire for Sodom's sinful lifestyle?

For Discussion

- Although *three* people met with Abraham, only the 2 angels visited Lot. Read 1 John 1:5-10 and compare Abraham "walking in the light", and Lot "walking in darkness".
- How was God's grace demonstrated in this story?
- "*Unlike Abraham, Lot had no tent or altar, and God could not fellowship with him.*" What do you think this means? Do you agree / disagree?
- How is Lot's life a warning to Christians today?
- In what way does God sometimes "grasp our hands" today to lead us in His purposes?
- Do you think that non-Christians today are easier or harder to reach with the Gospel than the people of Sodom? Explain.
- You could end by reading together Genesis 19:16.

Genesis 19:1-3, 12-16 (NIVUK)

¹ The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. ² “My lords,” he said, “please turn aside to your servant’s house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.”

“No,” they answered, “we will spend the night in the square.”

³ But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate.

¹² The two men said to Lot, “Do you have anyone else here – sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, ¹³ because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the Lord against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it.”

¹⁴ So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters. He said, “Hurry and get out of this place, because the Lord is about to destroy the city!” But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.

¹⁵ With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished.”

¹⁶ When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them.

