

JESUS IN GENESIS

SEASON 2

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COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE - WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

Introduction:

- When we grow comfortable in sin, we will see our faith waiver. As Christians we are called to live in a world of sin, but not let the sin inside of us. Romans 12:1-2 tells us "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind".

Signs of Conformity to the World:

1. Same Goals as the World (v. 1-3)

- In Lot's story, we see a man driven by gaining earthly comfort. He follows Abraham because he knows the blessing God promised, his possessions become so large he leaves Abraham to go to the prosperous land of the Jordan Valley, he moves into Sodom and in this text is a chief magistrate of the city.
- Lot's goals were monetary not missionary.

2. Tolerance of Sin (v. 4-8)

- As the men of Sodom, the old and the young, come to Lot in order to rape the angels, we see that Lot is not distinct from the city. The crowd comes with the assumption that Lot will deliver the angels over to them, and in Lot's response he calls the men "brothers" (v.7). This shows that Lot has aligned himself with the city, and while not participating in the wicked acts, has never stood up for what is right before.
- When we tolerate sin, it completely compromises our ability to distinguish right from wrong. Lot tries to prevent one wicked act with another by offering up his own daughters to the men of Sodom (v. 8) thinking he was doing what was right. This is meant to be directly contrasted with how Abraham protects his family. When Abraham's nephew Lot is taken captive, he forms an army to defeat four kings to save him. When Lot is faced with protecting his family, he offers up his daughters.

3. No Spiritual Authority (v. 9-14)

- When Lot tells the men of the city to not act so wickedly, the men mock him and threaten to do worse to him. The men's mocking of saying "has he become the judge" is a fair statement. Lot has never tried to teach them truth or the word of God before, so who is he to do so now?
- When Lot tried to speak the truth of God's judgement to his sons-in-law, they thought he was joking (v. 14). When you don't submit to God regularly, you will not have spiritual authority, even to those closest to you. This too should be contrasted with Abraham. Lot can't convince his family to flee total destruction, yet Abraham was able to convince at least 300 men to be circumcised. Why? Because Abraham led by example and had Spiritual authority over them by submitting to the Lord.

4. Hesitation to Sacrifice (v. 15-16)

- Lot waits until morning to leave, and even then we are told, "he lingered". God's word tells us where our heart is, that is where our treasure is. Lot's heart was in the city, in his possessions.

5. Desire to Keep a Little Sin (v. 17-25)

- Lot negotiates with the angels to let him go to Zoar. In Genesis 13 we see that Zoar is the city that drew Lot away from Abraham to begin with. In Genesis 14 we see Zoar is a city in alliance with Sodom and Gomorrah. Rather than submit to God's word and escape to the hills, Lot wants to hold on to a little (Zoar means little) sin.
- When we are conformed with the world, we will seek to hold on to some sin. To submit fully to the Lord, we must give over our whole lives to Jesus

Why did God destroy Sodom: (v. 23-29)

- Ezekiel 16:49-50
 - ◆ The sin that led to the destruction of Sodom was Pride. Pride is what led to them not caring for the poor and not submitting sexual desires to God.
- Isaiah 3:8-9
 - ◆ Sodom proclaimed their sin as good and something to be proud of; specifically sexual sin. (Romans 1:26-27)
- Jeremiah 23:14
 - ◆ It starts with the spiritual leaders. The spiritual leaders were teaching that evil was good and strengthened the hands of evildoers.

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

To understand the severity of conforming to the world and the importance of submitting to God.

Heart

To repent of our own sins and desire for the Gospel to change the hearts of those around us.

Hands

To transform our hearts and minds with God's word, and proclaim the Truth of God to the city around us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kids' Summer

Nights: Registration is now open for kids ages 4-11 to attend our free, weeklong VBS program this summer! You can register your child(ren) or sign up to volunteer [here](#).

Please remind covenant members to fill out their **membership covenant recommitment** (link available on their email).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Lot's Poor Witness Destroys His Family: (v. 26, 30-38)

- Lot did not shepherd his wife, so she was destroyed with Sodom (v. 26)
- Lot did not shepherd his daughters, so they had no trust in him and the worldview of Sodom shaped their worldview more than God.

Read Genesis 19:1-38

1. Can someone take a moment to summarize key points of the sermon?
2. Why is it so dangerous when Christians begin to look like the world around them?
3. What makes it easier to conform to the world, and harder to submit to God?
4. When was the last time your worldview changed on an issue, in order to submit to God's word?
5. Where do we see Jesus in this text?
6. We see that the men of the city, Lot's sons-in-law, daughters, and wife do not submit to his spiritual authority. How can we grow in having spiritual authority/influence? What areas of your life do you specifically need to use this authority to lead others?
7. In verses 15-16 we see Lot's lingering. Why do we linger in sin when we know God's judgment against sin?
8. Many people will say "I can't believe in a God like that" when looking at passages where God destroys entire cities or nations. How can we respond to this in both grace and truth?
9. We see throughout Scripture that wickedness culminates with sexual sins. Why are sexual sins particularly harmful?
10. How are Christians called to respond to a world around us that takes pride in sexual sins?