

The With-God Journey

Date: February 12, 2023

Title: The Idol of Easy

Text: Genesis 13, 19

Small Group Questions

1. Ice Breaker: How is 2023 going for you so far? How is your with-God journey going?
2. Pastor Dave began his sermon by describing the state of our church. He said we're "gaining ground," which by definition means to "make steady progress and become more." Where do you sense Crossway making steady progress and/or becoming more? How is God inviting *you* to make steady progress and to become more?
3. The verse Pastor Dave said he preaches to himself frequently is 1 Corinthians 15:58. It says: "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." In what ways is God calling you to be steadfast in your service to him? How does this verse encourage you?
4. The life of Lot is a cautionary tale for people living the with-God life. While Lot maintained his belief in God, he allowed significant compromise into his life. Read Genesis 13:1-13, and Genesis 19:15-29. How does Lot's choices move him towards a without-God life?
5. In *The Life with God Bible*, it states, "Lot was a follower of God in a poisonous environment. Reflect on your environment. What in your neighborhood, work, and culture encourages you in your life with God and what draws you away from God? Whom in your life can you point to as positive examples of those staying close to God and his values while living in the world?"
6. Pastor Dave states, "If you're aiming for easy, your target isn't God. While easy isn't wrong, it can lead to what is. The easy life says, 'eat, drink and be merry.' But the with-God life says, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus." How might you choose to live life with God, instead of defaulting to doing what's easiest? Are there hard things in your life you've avoided doing, because avoidance has been easier?
7. Close by praying for our church, and the people impacted by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Ask that God would enable us to follow him closely, and serve him steadfastly.