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Messy Families: Lot in Sodom
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MESSAGE NOTES

Genesis 19

1. Culture is not neutral.
2. Righteousness is not earned.
3. Opportunity is not indefinite.

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Reference:

Open in prayer and read Genesis 19.

Review:

What was one thing from this weekend's message that challenged, confused, or stood out to you?

Reflect:

1. Lot ended up in Sodom because he was willing to tolerate the known wickedness of the city in order to benefit from its wealth (you can read the story in Genesis 12 & 13). In what areas of your life are you tempted to compromise your faith or values in order to increase your wealth, possessions, and status?
2. Read Genesis 19:15-16. Despite the threats against him, his family, and his guests, verse 16 says that Lot "hesitated" ("lingered" - ESV). He wasn't sure about trusting God enough to leave Sodom. What would motivate Lot to stay there? Where do you find yourself clinging to old habits or behaviors, not trusting God, even though you know they are not wise choices?
3. Lot clearly did not live according to God's direction, yet he was spared from God's judgment on Sodom & Gomorrah because of His relationship with Abraham (Gen. 19:29) and Abraham's pleas for mercy for those people. How can God's preservation of Lot's life, through Abraham, help us understand God's grace toward His people today through Jesus?

Respond/Reinforce:

Check out the scriptures by participating in the Summer Bible Reading Plan. Choose the 30-day or 100-day option. Copies are available online or at the Connect Center. Read only the scriptures in blue if you are following the 30 day reading plan; read all of the scriptures if you are following the 100 day reading plan.