



**Part 2: My Plan or God's Plan?**  
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### **Genesis 18:1-8** **The Three Visitors at Mamre**

**Insight 1: God sometimes shows up when you're not expecting him.**

**Small Group Question:** Have you ever experienced God like this? If so, when, and what happened?

### **Genesis 18:9-10** **God Reveals that Abraham and Sarah Will Bear a Son**

**Insight 2: God cares about things that we might not care about.**

**Small Group Question:** What are some issues that you don't really care about? Does God care about those things? Can you see how God might want you to care about some of those things?

**Insight 3: Nothing is too hard for the Lord.**

**Small Group Question:** Are you going through something difficult right now, even something that seems impossible? How might you be able to submit to God and have hope in light of these difficult circumstances?

### **Genesis 18:11-15** **Sarah Laughs (and Denies It)**

### **Genesis 18:16-21** **The Lord Reveals His Plans to Destroy Sodom**

### **Genesis 18:22-33** **Abraham Intercedes for Sodom**

**Insight 4: God plans things differently than you do.**

**Small Group Question:** What things are you asking for right now? Would you be willing to submit and have hope — even if it doesn't go as you planned?

### **Heart Action**

Submit to God

Hope in God

**Small Group Question:** How can you let go of your anxiety or fear about your situation and submit your cares and planning to God, trusting that he will give you hope? What makes that difficult? What or who would make that easier for you?

### **Next Steps**

#### **Stephen Ministry**

- If you're in a difficult season of life and hope seems hard to find, consider inquiring about being matched with a Stephen Minister who can walk alongside you during this season. Details are in CTK Life, and you can explore this opportunity by contacting Julie Scherer (733-1337 or [julies@ctk.church](mailto:julies@ctk.church)).
- If you have a healthy, mature relationship with God and heart for people, you might be a great fit as a Stephen Minister. Information sessions are being offered this summer, and you'll hear more about Stephen Ministry during services on June 2 & 3. See more details on page 12 of CTK Life or visit [www.ctk.church/bellingham/care](http://www.ctk.church/bellingham/care).

#### **Summer Service Projects**

CTK carefully chose our 13 community partner organizations because they care about things God cares about — homelessness, hunger, at-risk kids & families, relational crisis, and people with disabilities. Throughout the summer you'll have a chance to meet our partners at weekend services and serve them through dozens of service project opportunities. Find out more at [www.ctkserves.org](http://www.ctkserves.org).

#### **Small Group Questions**

See small group questions embedded in this outline, and close with this question: How can we pray for you right now and throughout the coming week?