

Protecting Your Neighbor

Genesis 19:1-13

- Lot went out of his way to _____ visitors and _____ them from the people of Sodom. (Gen. 19:1-3, 2 Peter 2:7-8)
- The people of Sodom hated and _____ Lot's guests, so they tried to interrogate and _____ them. (Gen. 19:4-5)
- Lot did his best (and _____) to _____ the visitors from the violence of the mob. (Gen. 19:6-8)
- The people were so blinded by _____ and _____ that they refused to listen to Lot. (Gen. 19:9)

- The angels saved Lot and his family from the _____ of the crowd—and the _____ of Sodom. (Gen. 19:10-13)
- God saved Lot through Lot's efforts to _____ his _____.

Loving Your Neighbor

- Loving your neighbors sometimes means _____ conflict with others.
- Jesus gave his _____ to protect _____ from destruction. (Colossians 1:21-22)
- Following Jesus means accepting personal _____ for the sake of _____ others. (John 15:13)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. Lot responded to the evil culture of Sodom by staying and protecting visitors. What would you have done in his place?
3. Why do you think the people of Sodom hated and feared the messengers so much?
4. What do you think of how Lot tried to deal with the mob? How could he have done better?
5. Have you ever experienced a situation where people were blinded by fear or hate? How did they behave?
6. Why do you think God chose to send his messengers as people that Lot could protect?
7. What kinds of fears do you face that make it hard to love your neighbors?
8. Have you ever been in a situation where showing love to someone would create conflict with others? What happened?
9. How can Jesus' example motivate us to love others without fear?
10. What would it look like for you to commit to fearless love for your neighbors? What change would that make in your behavior?