

Interceding for Your Neighbor

Genesis 18:22-33

- God came down to investigate the _____ of Sodom's _____.
- God invited Abraham to _____ because his people would need to learn _____ and _____.
- Abraham wanted to find a reason to _____ the people of Sodom—and so did _____.
- They agreed that Sodom should be spared if there was any _____ left in the city.

- In the end God found no hope for Sodom to _____, so he destroyed their _____ regime.

Loving Your Neighbor

- God _____ all people—even people in Sodom, Nineveh, and _____—and wants to _____ them.
- Abraham—and Jesus—teach us to _____ our enemies and _____ for them.
- Like Abraham, God's people should be passionate about _____ Sodom, not _____ it.
- God does not call us to flee from Sodom—he sends us to be the _____ that saves it.

Discussion Questions

1. What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. How does it change the story of Sodom and Gemorrah to know that God was investigating human complaints?
3. What would you have said if God asked your opinion about what to do with Sodom?
4. Why do you think Abraham's first instinct was to spare Sodom?
5. Is the existence of a "righteous influence" a good reason to spare a sinful, oppressive city? Is it just?
6. Do you think God was right to destroy Sodom? Did God have the right to destroy Sodom?
7. What is your "Sodom?" Who do you think of as evil and oppressive? Are there people out there who think of people like you as "Sodom?" How does God feel about those two "Sodoms?"
8. What does it mean to love the people you think of as "Sodom?" How does it change the way you treat them? The way you talk about them on the internet?
9. How can we get to a place where we love Sodom passionately, rather than begrudgingly?
10. How can you be a godly influence in your neighborhood?