



FIRST LIGHT CHURCH

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Date:4/28/2024

Series: Abraham

Text:Genesis 19: 30-38

BIG IDEA: God's Plan Has A Lasting Outcome.

ICEBREAKER: If you could reside anywhere in the world, where would you live? Why?

CONTEXT: Lot and his daughters had just left Zoar, the place that Lot had asked to go. Prior to this, Lot's wife had been turned into a pillar of salt after their escape from Sodom. Lot and his daughters had been staying in this small town of Zoar that was outside of the recently-destroyed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. We are not necessarily told why they had left Zoar but something, perhaps fear and dread, had caused them to seek other living arrangements in the mountains. From there, we can read about their debacle of decision making and sinful actions that eventually and quite significantly shaped much of the coming future of the nation of Israel.

PASSAGE: Have volunteers read Genesis 19: 30-38.

DISCUSSION:

1. Has fear ever moved you to make rash and uncalculated decisions? How does this go against what God's Word tells us? Read 2 Timothy 1:7 and discuss.
2. What effects does sin have upon a person's mind, body and spirit? How does the enemy use this to his advantage? Read 2 Corinthians 4:4 and Proverbs 6:27.
3. How does the desperation of Lot's daughters depict the brokenness in their lives and in their family? Refer to Genesis 19:8 for further background information.
4. Trace the ways that Lot's decisions, disobedience, and lack of faith led him to the path of darkness. Read Proverbs 14:12 and discuss.

APPLICATION:

5. How does sin have a tendency to spread and cause lasting effects much like a disease?
<https://www.guidelines.org/sermons/learn-how-sin-is-like-a-disease/>
6. How can we avoid getting into compromising predicaments that lead us into sinful situations?

COMMUNITY CONNECTION:

Many times we are quick to look at another person's sin or their situation and compare ourselves to them. We tend to even look down upon them, sometimes with contempt, and make decisions about their character, discernment, and values. This is called "*judging*" someone. This hot-button topic presents itself often when the subject of sin is broached. We can lovingly and carefully help others to see their sinful path without casting judgment upon them. Romans 3:10-12 and Romans 3:23 gives us a stark reminder that none of us are without sin. It is only by God's grace that we have been saved and enlightened about our own sin issues. Matthew 7:3-5 gives us some pretty sound advice for examining ourselves. Pray for those that you know who are in bondage to sin. Try to help them to overcome the situation they are in by showing them kindness and demonstrating God's love by sharing the message of true freedom through His grace, forgiveness, and mercy.

CARE AND PRAY:

- Ask God to forgive you for judging others.
- Pray that God will intersect your path with others who are in desperate need of mercy, love, and grace.
- Pray for the upcoming events within the life of our church such as: Family Highlight, Kids Camp, Student Life Camp, Super Summer and VBS.