



**Week 10**

**Sermon Series:** Sojourners: Genesis

**Sermon Title:** “Witnesses of Divine Judgement”

**Sermon Text:** Genesis 19:1-38

**Study Handout Week of:** June 26, 2022

**Group Week of:** July 3, 2022

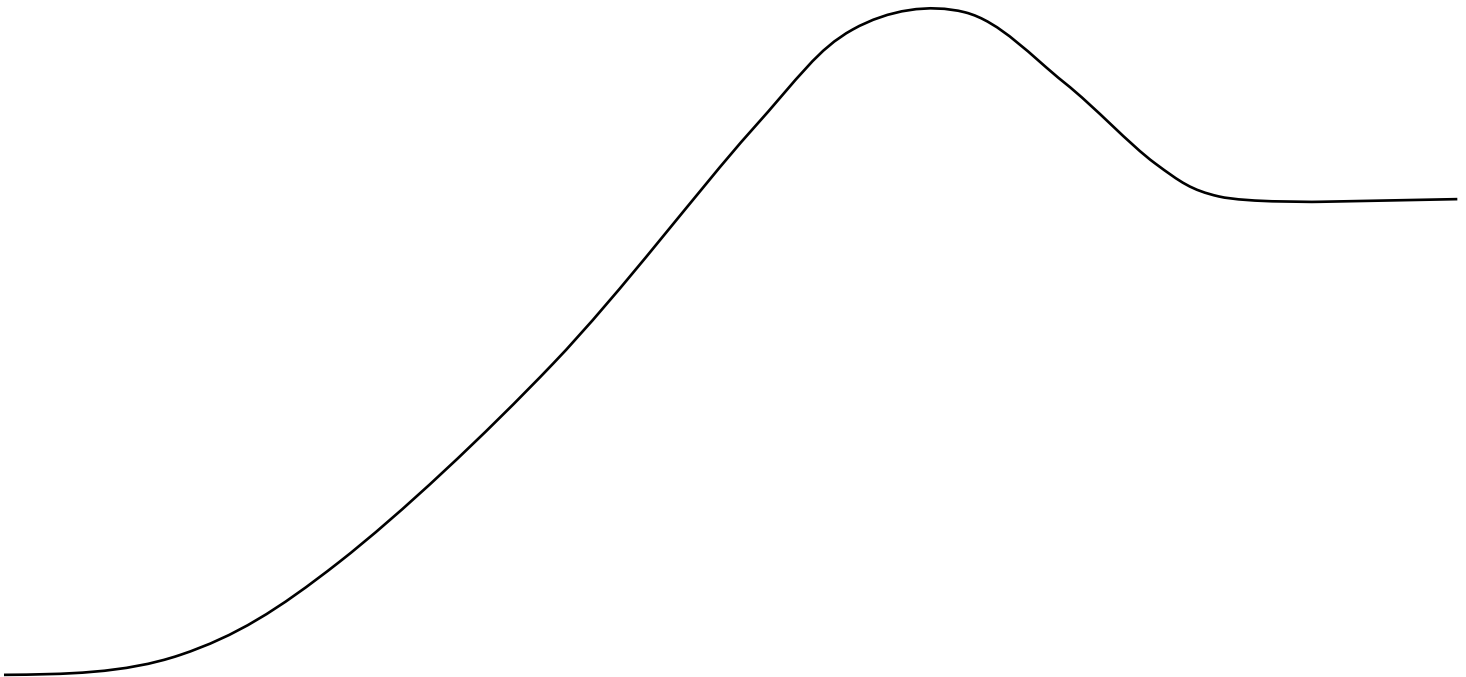
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| <b>Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies</b> |   |
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| <b>Day 1</b>                                   | Righteous Lot – 2 Peter 2:4-10          |
| <b>Day 2</b>                                   | Lessons from Lot’s Wife – Luke 17:28-37 |
| <b>Day 3</b>                                   | Escaping with Your Life – 1 Cor 3:10-15 |
| <b>Day 4</b>                                   | Love of the World – Luke 14:15-24       |
| <b>Day 5</b>                                   | Surpassing Treasure – Phil 3:7-14       |

**The Text: Genesis 19:1-38**

**Instructions**

- 1) Pray for the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to His words.
- 2) Read the passage.
- 3) Using the “Story Arc” below, insert the verses according to how you see the story begin, grow, climax, fall, and finish.
- 4) Write out the main lesson of the story.
- 5) Write out some of the other lessons along the way.



**Textual Questions**

- 1) What is (are) the central lesson(s) in this story?
- 2) Why does the text repeatedly mention Lot’s hesitation and his wife’s looking back on the city?
- 3) Why does Lot’s story end with sexual sin?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) God does not normally go around destroying cities with fire for their sins. What do you see in this text that demonstrates the unique evil of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? (The answer is more than simply homosexuality).
  
- 2) When Lot tells the men that raping these two guests in his home would be a wicked act, they respond by saying “Get out of our way. This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to play the judge! We’ll treat you worse than them.” Often it is this response from the world that keeps us silent when we should remind the world not to commit evil deeds. Do you ever feel this tension between fear of retaliation and the need to remind the world not to do evil? If so, share it with your Life Group.
  
- 3) Though Lot’s sin abounds (offering his daughters to the mob), God still declares him righteous in 2 Peter 2:6-8 (please read that passage). This reminds us just how entangled the righteous man can be with this world and its sin. What are the ways you see righteous Lot tangled up in the world’s sin? What are the ways you, though righteous in Christ Jesus, get tangled up in the world’s sin?
  
- 4) Because Lot’s heart was in Sodom, he escapes, though he loses everything in the process. Because Abraham’s heart is in heaven, he is no where near when judgement comes. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 reminds us that if we live like Lot than we will, like Lot, “be saved – even though only as one escaping through the flames.” What earthly treasures do you cling to? How can the identity of “sojourner” change the way you think about your earthly treasures?
  
- 5) Although Lot escaped Sodom, the sins of Sodom followed him all the way into the cave in the mountains. The daughters he offered up to be taken advantage of ended up taking advantage of him. The peoples that come from this incestuous relationship, the Ammonites and Moabites, will show themselves to be nearly as evil as Sodom and Gomorrah in the future. What does the ending of this story teach us about dealing with sin generationally? How can you apply that lesson?
  
- 6) As sojourners and strangers, we will often bear witness to God’s judgement over sin. We may adopt the position of Abraham – interceding for the broken world. Or we may adopt the position of Lot – getting caught up in and barely escaping the judgement of a broken world. What do you need to do to take steps towards living more like Abraham and less like Lot?