



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



APRIL 26, 2026

Dive In (10 Minutes)

Go around and let everyone share...

What is your go-to "tactic" when you're trying to persuade someone in power to change their mind? Do you lean on logic, emotion, or a reminder of their own kindness?

Dig Deep (40 Minutes)

Read Genesis 18:22-33 aloud.

Background and Context

- Abraham has just finished hosting three mysterious visitors (one of whom is the Lord). God decides to let Abraham in on a "classified" matter: the impending judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham knows his nephew Lot, lives within this unrighteous radius.

Discussion Questions

- In verse 22, we read that Abraham *stood before the Lord*. The word *stood* is a word that conveys that Abraham stood respectfully before God, recognizing His power, before he began talking to Him. In what ways do you prepare yourself to speak to the Creator of the universe before you pray? What is your process?
- Abraham began his "negotiation" with God with the sparing of fifty righteous souls and finished with ten. In this process, what do we see about God and what do we see about mankind?
- What was the primary "logic" Abraham used in His "negotiation" with God? Does he focus on the sin of the city or the character of God? Why do you believe he went that route?
- Abraham repeatedly called himself "nothing but dust and ashes" (v. 27), yet he didn't stop asking. How can someone be simultaneously deeply humble and incredibly bold in prayer?
- Why do you think Abraham stopped at ten?



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Do Big (10 Minutes)

- Abraham is “standing in the gap” for the people of Sodom. He is participating in what is called “intercessory prayer.” Intercessory prayer is the act of standing in the gap between a person’s need and God’s provision.
 - What person, group, city, nation, or situation can you “stand in the gap” for this week through intercessory prayer?
 - Seek to apply these three steps to your praying process before God:
 - **Step 1:** Acknowledge God’s justice (He knows the situation better than you do).
 - **Step 2:** Appeal to His mercy (Speak to Him – and remind yourself—of His character).
 - **Step 3:** Be specific and persistent.