



Series: Genesis
Passage: Genesis 18:16 – 19:22
Title: A Half-Hearted Christian
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Discussion Starter – The title of the message is “A Half-Hearted Christian”. Describe what you think it means to be Half-Hearted Christian as compared to a “Full-Hearted” Christian.

Abraham Intercedes for Sodom - Genesis 18:16-33:

What do you think was the purpose of God deciding to reveal his plan for Sodom and Gomorrah to Abraham in verse 17?

What is significant in the way Abraham postures himself towards God in verse 23? How can we apply that in our relationship with God? What does this teach us regarding our own prayer life?

Why does Abraham ask God if He “Would also destroy the righteous with the wicked”? What does this question reveal about Abraham’s knowledge and relationship with God?

Read 2Peter 3:9. We live in a world which is not far from wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah. Knowing God’s heart, who are you interceding for in prayer?

What is revealed about Abraham in the way he negotiates with God in verses 26-32? Why do you think Abraham stopped at 10?

What are some things that might keep us from praying for those who are lost?

God Rescues Lot - Genesis 19:1-22:

What is revealed to us about Lot by his reaction to the angels in verse 1?

Why do you think Lot insisted the angels stay with him?

What is significant about Lot preparing unleavened bread? How does this meal compare to the meal Abraham and Sarah prepared in Genesis 18:6-8?

How does Lot try to protect his guest against the Sodomites? What does this reveal about his walk with the Lord?

Describe the “blindness” that the angels gave the men? How was this type of blindness unlike other types of blindness that we commonly see mentioned in the bible?

Why do you think Lot’s sons-in-law didn’t believe Lot when he warned them of God’s pending judgement? Why didn’t Lot have the same influence on his household as we have seen with Abraham?

Genesis 19:15-16. Describe in your own words what you think was going on in Lot’s mind as the angels urged him to leave quickly. What lesson can we learn from this example?

Genesis 19:18-21. How does Lot’s plea with the angels expose his lack of understanding about God? Compare Lot’s heart in negotiation here with how Abraham negotiates with God in chapter 18.

Why do you think God spared Lot? Read 2Peter 2:7-8. What are some additional insights we see in this passage about how God viewed Lot?