



# FIRST LIGHT CHURCH

# SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Date: 3/24/2024

Series: Genesis Study-Abraham

Text: Genesis 18:22-33

**BIG IDEA: Our View Of God Reveals How We Pray.**

**ICEBREAKER:** If you could be guaranteed one thing in life (besides money), what would it be?

**CONTEXT:** The scripture passage describes Abraham's negotiation with the Lord for the city of Sodom, where his nephew Lot and his family lived. Here, Abraham cringed at the idea that the Lord would annihilate righteous people along with the wicked. Thus, he began a sort of negotiation with God. The Lord agreed not to destroy Sodom if He could find at least ten righteous people dwelling within that entire city.

**PASSAGE:** Have volunteers read Genesis 18:22-33.

## **DISCUSSION:**

1. What ways, characteristically, do you see that Abraham approaches God with his request?
2. In what way/s does it seem that Abraham has a special type of relationship with God?
3. Why does it seem like God doesn't know exactly what is happening in Sodom?
4. Why is it important in the manner for which we approach God with our prayers/petitions?
5. Would you suppose that God might consider "changing His mind" about Sodom's demise over ten people? Is this truly reflective of God's character? Why or why not?
6. Why do you think that God did not become angry with Abraham over his emboldened sense of scrutiny of God's justice?
7. Why do we feel like we sometimes must follow a certain prescribed manner of praying?

## **APPLICATION:**

8. What types of prayers are you praying? Are you praying for the same or different things? Is repetitive prayer really necessary?
9. What sometimes happens when we feel like God may not be listening to our prayers?

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTION:**

Interceding in prayer for others is a way to tell someone that we truly care for them and that we love them. It is okay to tell that person that you will pray for them specifically. This demonstrates your faith to someone who may need to see that faith in action. Praying for someone in the moment is compassionate and is also a bold witness of your trust in God. Do not hesitate to tell people that you will intercede for them, but please make it a point to do so. If you think you may forget, do it immediately. God loves us and He hears our prayers.

## **CARE AND PRAY:**

- Ask God to give you the opportunity to pray over someone.
- Pray for the upcoming Good Friday Experience and for Easter Sunday so that we may reach people with the Gospel who may not otherwise attend church.
- Pray that you will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading as you move throughout your week.