

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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Sliding into Worldliness . . . (What happened to Lot?)

1. Lot _____ it. (13:11)
2. Lot _____ it. (13:12)
3. Lot _____ into it. (14:12)
4. Lot gets _____ in it. (19:1)
5. Lot is _____ to it. (19:8)
6. Lot can't _____ it. (19:16-18)
7. Lot is finally _____ by it. (19:30-38)

Spurning God's Grace . . . (What do we make of Lot?)

1. He is reckoned a _____ by the Scriptures (2 Pt. 2:7), which means he believed God and His promises.
2. Lot is graciously _____ by his association with Abraham (13:5), but tries to take advantage of it.
3. Lot is _____ by grace more than once (14:16, 19:29), but keeps resisting it.

Searching Our Hearts . . . (What do we do with Lot?)

Two Probing Questions . . .

- 1.
- 2.

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read Genesis 12-19 again. Circle all the references to Lot and then reconstruct his story. What happens to Lot?
2. For what two reasons did Abram and Lot separate from one another in Genesis 13? What kind of man does Abram show himself to be in this episode? What kind of man does Lot show himself to be? Who chooses? What does he choose? What are we told about the valley of the Jordan and its cities? Therefore, what does the city of Sodom represent?
3. What happens to Lot in Genesis 14? How does he experience the grace of God?
4. In Genesis 19, why is Lot rescued from the city of Sodom? Where do the Angels meet him and what does this indicate? What does he strongly urge? How does Lot show his righteousness? How does Lot also demonstrate he's been conformed to the world?
5. What kind of moral sway does Lot have with his fellow citizens? With his sons-in-law? With his wife? How does Lot himself respond to the grace of God in 19:16 and 19:19-21? How does the tragic story of Lot's life end in 19:30-37 and why is this ironic given earlier events? What role do these nations play in the history of Israel later? (See Numbers 25:1 for example.)

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What did you learn and take away from Lot's story? How did the story of Lot speak to your own life?
2. What do these verses say about the world and our relationship to it?
John 3:16
Matthew 24:14
Romans 12:2
1 John 2:15-18

Don't these seem paradoxical ideas? How do we hold all this together? How do we embrace the world without becoming worldly?
3. Review again Lot's slide into worldliness. (Can you remember it without looking at the outline?) In what ways do we slide into worldliness? What must we do continually to keep it from happening?
4. In what ways and on what occasions does Lot spurn or resist God's grace? Share an occasion from your life when you or someone you know spurned God's grace?
5. What is the difference between Abraham and Lot? What does Abraham do after he blows it in Genesis 13:3-4 that we never see Lot do?