

Today's Message

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4. The Lord _____ before judgment.

1. The Lord is _____ in His judgment.

5. The Lord is merciful to provide an opportunity to _____ and _____ judgment.

2. The Lord will _____ the righteous faithful through judgment.

*For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. **Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.** Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man. –John 5:22-27*

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PREPARING to be with One Another

Use a separate sheet of paper or notebook to work through these questions in advance of your Growth Group gathering. The more people come prepared, the richer and deeper and more real our discussions will be with one another.

CONNECTING with One Another

Open your time by checking in with one another to see how you're doing and how one another's week was.

EXPLORING God's Word with One Another

Remember, we're giving you more than you can really discuss here. Pick a few questions that will take you back into the content of the passage and message.

1. Read Genesis 19 again. Read also Luke 17:26-33, 2 Peter 2:4-10 and John 5:22-27.
2. How did you "come under God's Word" in this text/message? What was most interesting and/or challenging for you in this week's text/message? What were the thoughts you had and/or the emotions you felt as you grappled with God's Word this week?

3. What can we say about Lot? What actions show his "faith righteousness"? What actions and words show his compromised worldliness? How does the Lord deal with Him?
4. What do we learn about the justice and judgment of God based on Genesis 13:13?
5. Where in the text are the men of Sodom called to repentance? Through whom are they called? Do they listen?

APPLYING God's Word with One Another

1. Why is God's judgment so appalling and offensive to us in the 21st Century? What cultural factors contribute to this perspective?
2. Do you struggle with God's judgment? How? In what ways?
2. What is the key to avoid being calloused or flippant or smug about God's judgment?
3. What does the Gospel have to do with the doctrine of God's judgment? Why does the Gospel shine against the backdrop of the judgment of God?

Be sure to close your time with prayer for one another and in response to God's Word.