

ABRAHAM: JOURNEY OF FAITH

Discussion Guide
Week 7 – March 3
Compassion | Genesis 18:16-33

Introduction

Historians show that there are very few years in recorded history where there's been complete peace throughout the world. Conflict is much more the norm. Certainly this is true for the day in which we live. It may be that you've struggled with your own feelings of anger and dislike for nations and people who cry out for the destruction of America. And instead of thinking about God meeting their physical and spiritual needs, you've wished for God's judgment to come down on them.

It may be that you're having this same struggle with someone on a very personal level. Not to the extent that you wish them God's harm. But you are finding it hard to love them and care for their spiritual needs.

Read Genesis 18:16-33 before answering the following questions.

Questions for Study

1. So, how about it, do you have any of those negative thoughts toward another nation or individual? Any people group or individual you're having a hard time loving these days?
2. In this series on Abraham what, if any, insight are we given as to Abraham's relationship to the city of Sodom?
3. What do we know about the people living in Sodom from the chapters in Genesis we've studied in this series and from any other biblical references to Sodom?
4. What might you expect Abraham's reaction to be when he's told of God's impending judgment on Sodom?
5. What key truth about God becomes the basis for Abraham's prayer for mercy?
6. What does this passage teach us about prayer?
7. What does God's response to Abraham's prayer reveal to us about God?