



Topeka Bible Church
Community Group Study Questions
Series: Hot Stuff
#2: City on Fire
Genesis 19 and selected passages

1. Imagine if you were Lot and two angelic visitors showed up at your house (*Genesis 19:1-2*). How would you have responded? Are you open to unexpected "visits" from folks whom the Lord sends your way (*Hebrews 13:2; Genesis 18:2-4*)?
2. Why did the men of Sodom come to Lot's house (*Genesis 19:4-5*)? What do their words reveal about their city and its inhabitants (*Genesis 13:13; 18:20-21; Isaiah 3:9*)? How can a culture stray so far from God (*Romans 3:23; Jeremiah 17:9*)?
3. Why did Lot want to protect these angelic visitors (*Genesis 19:7*)? Are you surprised that he offered his two virgin daughters (*Genesis 19:8*)? Why would he do such an awful thing (cf. *Judges 19:24*)?
4. Why would the visitors be so gracious with Lot (*Genesis 19:12-13, 15-16; 19:29*; cf. *2 Peter 2:6-7*)? Did he and his family "deserve" to be saved (cf. *Deuteronomy 9:5*)? Why did his sons-in-law not take him seriously when he warned them to leave (*Genesis 19:14*)?

5. Does God's judgment of fire upon these cities seem cruel to you (*Genesis 19:24*; cf. *Amos 4:11*)? Why or why not? How does our culture breed a complacency towards sin (cf. *Luke 17:28-29*)? Why is this complacency dangerous (*Colossians 2:8*)?

6. Why was Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt (*Genesis 19:26*; cf. *Luke 17:32-33*)? When we leave behind our former ways of sinful living, how can we keep from "looking back" (cf. *Philippians 3:12-14*; *Hebrews 12:1-2*)?

7. Lot had grown complacent towards sin after living in Sodom. Should we be careful about the people with whom we spend time (*1 Corinthians 15:33*; cf. *Proverbs 22:24-25*)? Does this account heighten your awareness of the seriousness of *all* sin God's eyes (cf. *Jeremiah 6:15*; *14:10*)?

Memory Verse:

"for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

(Genesis 19:13, NASB)