

OVERVIEW

Genesis 18:16–33 shows Abraham boldly interceding for Sodom, appealing to God’s justice and mercy with persistent prayer. This passage reminds us that God welcomes our prayers for others and delights to show compassion in response to intercession.

OHANA TIME!

 **Icebreaker:** If you were stranded on a deserted island, what *non-essential* item would you want with you? **Or** If you had to sing one karaoke song *right now*, what would you pick?

 **Activity:** Plan a group outing!

PRAYER

Pray: “Lord, teach us to pray with Abraham’s boldness and compassion, trusting Your mercy and justice for our city and loved ones.”

BIBLE: READ GENESIS 18:16-33

1. Who are the men Abraham walks with, and what do they reveal about Sodom?
2. How does the Lord describe His reason for going down to Sodom (vv. 20–21)?
3. What is Abraham’s main concern in his intercession (vv. 23–25)?
4. How does the number of righteous required to spare the city change through Abraham’s requests?
5. What do Abraham’s words, “*Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?*” teach us about God’s character?
6. What do we learn about Abraham’s relationship with God from the way he prays?
7. Why do you think God allowed Abraham to “bargain down” the number of righteous?
8. How does this passage balance God’s justice with His mercy?

APPLICATION

1. Abraham prayed with boldness and persistence. Do you tend to pray cautiously or boldly? What holds you back from praying with Abraham-like persistence? What does Abraham’s persistence in prayer teach us about how we should pray?
2. Who are the people in your life (family, workplace, neighborhood) who are far from God, and how can you stand in the gap for them in prayer this week?
3. Abraham interceded for Sodom, a place known for great sin. How does this challenge the way we pray for our own city or nation, even when we see moral decline?

