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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 10 • Session 4

## GOD IS GOOD TO JUDGE SIN

Genesis 18

**WHY DOES SIN SEPARATE US FROM GOD? BECAUSE GOD IS HOLY, SIN HAS BROKEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

When Abraham was old, the Lord appeared to him. Abraham looked up on a hot day and saw three men standing near his tent. He invited them to rest, and he gave them food and water. When the men got up to continue their journey, Abraham walked with them for a ways. They looked out over the city of Sodom, and the Lord decided to tell Abraham about His plan.

The Lord said, "I've heard about Sodom and Gomorrah. The people living there are wicked and their sin is very serious. I'm going to go see if they are as bad as people say."

The men turned and went toward Sodom. Abraham stood there and asked, "Lord, do you plan to destroy the good people along with the evil people? What if there are 50 good people in that city? Will you still destroy it? You are the judge of all the earth. Won't you do what is right?"

The Lord said, "If I find 50 righteous people in Sodom, I will spare the whole city for their sake."

"What if there are 20?" Abraham asked.

The Lord said, "I will not destroy the city if there are 20 righteous people."

Abraham asked, "Suppose there are 10?"

The Lord answered, "I will not destroy the city if I find 10 righteous people." Then the Lord departed and Abraham went back to his tent. The next morning, Abraham returned to the place overlooking Sodom and Gomorrah. All he saw was smoke because God had destroyed the cities.

**Christ Connection:** God is good to judge sin. He is the Judge of all the earth, and He always does what is right. God will punish the guilty. The good news of the gospel is that Jesus took the punishment our sin deserves, and everyone who trusts in Him is declared righteous before God.