

### **1. The Just Judge**

God heard the outcry against the injustice, oppression, and immorality in Sodom. How often does God hear an outcry from you as you plead for those oppressed around you?

Do you more often complain or pray about the sinful culture around you?

Do you struggle to grasp the justice of God? Is it hard for you to believe that God would judge sin?

Discuss this statement: The mercy of God has no meaning without the justice of God.

### **2. The Citizens of Sodom**

Read Ezekiel 16:49-50. Does this verse remind you of any place you are familiar with?

How do you see these sins evident in our culture? How do you see these sins evident in your own life? Do you think America deserves to be treated better than Sodom?

- pride
- excess of food
- prosperous ease
- did not aid the poor and needy
- haughty
- abomination

### **3. The Pleading Priest**

When was the last time you had an extended conversation with God for more than 30 minutes? What were you pleading for?

Every time you see sin, you have a choice. How do you most often respond?

- Will I ignore or will I get involved?
- Will I be a judge or will I be a priest?
- Will I condemn or will I pray?
- Will I be a wall or a bridge?

#### 4. **The Missing Man**

In Abraham's conversation with God, God reveals a foundational component of how he saves sinners. Would God save the wicked for the sake of one righteous man? Would God so love the righteousness of one to forgive the wickedness of many? God promises that he will!

How does this principle fuel or faith and gratitude?

How does this principle motivate you to pray for those around you?

#### **Additional Scripture**

- Romans 3:5-10
- Romans 8:34
- Galatians 3:8
- Hebrews 9:24
- 1John 2:1-2
- 2Peter 2:6-9