

**1. Sharing the Gift of Hospitality**

- a) Genesis 18:1-15 What are some ways Abraham shows hospitality to his unexpected guests?
- b) Was showing hospitality a usual practice for Abraham or was this an appointment directed by God?
- c) How can showing hospitality to strangers create mission opportunities?
- d) Share a time when you were impressed to extend hospitality to someone who needed a revelation of the love of God.

**2. Caring for those who are different from us**

- a) What can we learn in the Bible about the lifestyle of the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah? Genesis 18:20, 19:1-5, etc.
- b) Did Abraham care about every inhabitant of these wicked cities or just the righteous ones? Genesis 18:22-23 (see also Genesis 14)
- c) Is it possible to develop a genuine care for those who are different from us, or is such an attitude a gift from God? Romans 5:5, Matthew 5:43-45
- d) Share an opportunity God gave you to care for those who were different from you.

**3. Praying for the lost**

- a) What can we learn from Abraham's conversation (prayer) with the LORD regarding Sodom recorded in Genesis 18:24-33?

- b) Intercessory prayers are not always answered as we would wish. Only 3 were saved out of two large cities. What is the best way to deal with such disappointing answers to prayer? Luke 22:42
- c) Share some other examples intercessory prayer recorded in the Bible. John 17: 6-26, Romans 10:1-3, Philippians 1:3-6
- d) Why does intercessory prayer, especially for the lost, bring joy to the heart of Jesus? Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25, Luke 15:4-6
- e) Who do you know in need of intercessory prayer?

**4. Trusting God for the outcome of our mission activity**

- a) How would you describe the immediate outcome of the mission activity of Jesus?
- b) How many of those traveling with Saul of Tarsus to Damascus become followers of Jesus? Acts 9:1-7
- c) Which mission outcome was more significant: the conversion of the woman at Jacob's well, or the conversion of many from the city of Sychar?
- d) When did you learn to trust God with the outcome of your mission activity?

