

Genesis 19:1-5 & 15-29

International Bible Lesson Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the *International Bible Lesson Study Guide*, which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. Why do you think Lot invited these two strangers into his home for the night?

To show them hospitality and to protect them from the men in the city.

2. How many men in the city surrounded Lot’s house and what were their ages? How many righteous men stayed behind?

All the men, young and old. There was not one righteous man who stayed behind.

3. Read John 3:19. Why do you think the men came to Lot’s house after dark? Why do you think some people parade their evil deeds in the light of day?

Because they intended to do evil, they loved darkness rather than light. They wanted to hide their evil behavior from others—even from those around them who wanted to do the same evil deeds. Some people parade their evil deeds in the light because God has given them up to degrading passions (Romans 1:26-27). Claiming to be wise, they have become fools (Romans 1:22). In Romans 1:28, we read, “And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind and to things that should not be done.”

4. What did Lot need to do to be saved?

Obey the angels and flee the city. He could not be saved by remaining in Sodom.

5. Why did the angels seize Lot and his family and take them outside of the city?

Because Abraham had prayed, and the LORD kept His promise to Abraham. Because Lot lingered, and the LORD was merciful to Lot and his family.