

**MINDING THE GAP**  
**(The Gospel According to Abraham - Part 5)**  
February 3, 2019

**CASE STUDY: ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION FOR SODOM**  
Genesis 18:16-33

**TAKE-AWAYS ABOUT GOD:**

**GOD \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE DEATH OF THE WICKED**

**GOD IS BOTH \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_**

**TAKE-AWAYS ABOUT US:**

**WE'RE CALLED TO \_\_\_\_\_ FOR OTHERS**

**... By \_\_\_\_\_ for Them**

**... By Living \_\_\_\_\_**

**How Are We Able to Stand in the Gap?**

**Only By \_\_\_\_\_ The One**

**of Whom Abraham \_\_\_\_\_**

**Life Group Questions for the Week of February 3, 2019**

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. In Genesis 18:23-25, what is the basis for Abraham's bold pleading on behalf of Sodom?
3. Is God's just character good news or bad news? Explain your answer.
4. God is both a God of love and of justice. What is the danger of compromising any attribute of God by the slightest degree?
5. As a result of Abraham's intercession, God agrees to spare the city of Sodom if 10 righteous people are found. Though this number proves to be too high, the concept raises some interesting questions:

How does Abraham's pleading on behalf of corrupt Sodom provide a model for our own attitude toward those who are spiritually lost/far from God that we meet and/or know?

Do you think God bases his dealings with a people or nation primarily on the misdeeds of the unrighteous or on the deeds of the righteous and why?

To what extent do the righteous preserve an entire community?  
(Summarize the preserving effect of believers in Genesis 50:20-21; 1 Samuel 25:1-35; Acts 27:33-44.)

Do you think your prayers can change God's mind? Why or why not?

6. Read Genesis 18:22-33. Recall the focus of Abraham's previous questions in Genesis 15:2, 8 and 17:17.

How is the focus of the series of questions Abraham asks in Genesis 18:22-33 different from his previous concerns?

What does this tell you about Abraham's spiritual growth?

Do your prayers primarily reflect the kinds of concerns Abraham had in 15:2, 8 and 17:7 or the more mature focus of 18:22-33?

How might you change or expand a prayer you have recently been praying to reflect this more mature perspective?

7. For whom can you intercede as Abraham did?