CROSSWINDS ORIGINS GENESIS 18



CONNECTION QUESTION

What are you more excited about? The Super Bowl or the Super Bowl commercials? Do you have a favorite NFL team?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

- > Read Genesis 18:1-8.
- How would you define hospitality? What is the difference between hospitality and fellowship? On a scale of 1-10, how hospitable would you consider yourself to strangers?
- Abraham shows his generosity to the heavenly visitors. What can we learn from Abraham's hospitality? What is one thing that you can do this week to show hospitality to someone new at church?
- Read Hebrews 13:1-2; Matt. 25:31-46. What do these passages tell us about the importance of showing hospitality to those we do not know?
- > Read Genesis 18:9-15.
- Why does Sarah laugh at God's promise? Have you ever found God's promises too good to believe?
- Sarah is focused more on her circumstances than on God. Share a time when your circumstances looked insurmountable, even for God.



• God describes himself as all-powerful here. Last week we talked about God being, "El Shaddai," God Almighty. What are some ways that you can remind yourself of God's power this week?

> Read Genesis 18:20-21.

- Here God declares that he will judge the sins of the people of Sodom. Why doesn't our culture like talking about coming judgment?
- How is the judgment of God both a warning and good news?

TAKE IT HOME

- > Read Genesis 18:22-33.
- This passage tells us that God is both just and merciful. What can we learn about Abraham's bold appeals to God's mercy for our own lives?
- How does God's mercy inspire us to ask God big prayers? What is a big prayer that you have always wanted to pray but you have thought it was "too unrealistic"? (Make sure it lines up with God's will, cf. 1 John 5:13-15!)
- How is God calling you to respond this week?