

As in the Days of Noah

(Living Faithfully While Awaiting the King's Return)

“The Days of Lot”

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“It will be the same as it was in the days of Lot: People went on eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building.” (Luke 17:28, CSB)

Big Idea:

God's people must not become attached to a world that is passing away.

Kingdom Response:

Live with eternal priorities. Point people to Christ.

Series Heartbeat:

The return of Christ is not an escape from the mission—it is the motivation for the mission.

I. Faithful Disciple-Makers _____ from a World That Pulls Them In (Genesis 13:10–13; 19:1; Luke 17:28)

“[Lot] pitched his tents near Sodom.” (Genesis 13:12, NIV)

“The two angels entered Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in Sodom’s gateway.” (Genesis 19:1, CSB)

Key Truth:

The greatest danger of living in the world is allowing the world to gradually capture our hearts.

II. Faithful Disciple-Makers _____ When God Calls Them Forward (Genesis 19:15–26; Luke 17:31–33)

“Flee for your lives! Don’t look back, and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!” (Genesis 19:17, NIV)

“But Lot’s wife looked back and became a pillar of salt.” (Genesis 19:26, CSB)

“Remember Lot’s wife!” (Luke 17:32, CSB)

Key Truth:

You cannot live expectantly for the coming Kingdom while your heart is still clinging to the kingdom that is passing away.

III. Faithful Disciple-Makers _____ Who Are Still in the City (Genesis 19:12–14; Luke 17:28–30)

“Do you have anyone else here: a son-in-law, your sons and daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of this place.” (Genesis 19:12, CSB)

“But his sons-in-law thought he was joking.” (Genesis 19:14, CSB)

“But on the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all.” (Luke 17:29, CSB)

“So will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” (Luke 17:30, ESV)

Key Truth:

Knowing that this world is passing away should make us less attached to things and more committed to people.

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Small Group Questions — Week 2

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Texts: Luke 17:26–33; Genesis 13:10–13; 19:1–29

Start Here — Reflective Question

What are some things in this life that are good gifts from God but can easily become too important to us? How can we tell when something good has begun to capture our heart?

Read the Passage

Have someone read Luke 17:26–33 and Genesis 19:15–26 aloud before discussion. As you listen, notice both Jesus’ description of everyday life in the days of Lot and His warning about becoming attached to a world that is passing away.

Discussion Questions

1. GUARD YOUR HEART — Genesis 13:10–13; 19:1; Luke 17:28

Lot did not move into Sodom all at once. Genesis 13 says he first “pitched his tents near Sodom.” By Genesis 19, he was sitting at the gateway of the city. What he once lived near eventually became home.

- What stands out to you about the gradual progression in Lot’s relationship with Sodom?
- Jesus describes people eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building. None of these things are inherently wrong. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes ordinary activities?
- How can good things such as careers, homes, possessions, comfort, and plans gradually become too important to us?
- The sermon emphasized: **“The greatest danger of living in the world is allowing the world to gradually capture our hearts.”** Where do you see that danger in your own life?
- What helps us live fully engaged in this world without allowing this world to own our hearts?

2. DON’T LOOK BACK — Genesis 19:15–26; Luke 17:31–33

As Lot and his family fled Sodom, they were warned not to look back. Yet Lot’s wife looked back. Jesus later gave His disciples this striking command: **“Remember Lot’s wife!”**

- Why do you think Jesus chose Lot’s wife as a warning to His followers?
- What might her looking back reveal about where her heart was?
- Jesus says, “Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.” What does that mean for someone who follows Jesus?

- The sermon emphasized: **“You cannot live expectantly for the coming Kingdom while your heart is still clinging to the kingdom that is passing away.”** What does it look like practically to live for the coming Kingdom?
- If Jesus returned today, what would be hardest for you to leave behind? What might your answer reveal about your priorities?

3. REACH FOR PEOPLE — Genesis 19:12–14; Luke 17:28–30

When Lot learned judgment was coming, he went to warn his sons-in-law. They did not believe him. Jesus says people will similarly be going about ordinary life when the Son of Man is revealed.

- What do you think Lot may have felt when people he loved refused to take his warning seriously?
- How should knowing that Jesus will return create urgency without causing us to approach people with fear or pressure?
- The sermon emphasized: **“Knowing that this world is passing away should make us less attached to things and more committed to people.”** What would that look like in your life?
- Why is relationship so important in disciple-making?
- Who is someone God has already placed in your life whom you could intentionally move toward spiritually?

Disciple-Making Connection

The Kingdom Response this week is: **Live with eternal priorities. Point people to Christ.**

- How do **GUARD YOUR HEART — DON’T LOOK BACK — REACH FOR PEOPLE** give us a picture of living faithfully while awaiting Christ’s return?
- How can becoming too attached to the things of this world distract us from the people God has placed around us?
- The sermon emphasized: **“Our job is not to convert. Our job is to converse.”** How does that take some of the pressure out of having spiritual conversations?
- What is one relationship in which you could intentionally listen, ask questions, and allow the Holy Spirit to lead a spiritual conversation this week?

Series Heartbeat

Throughout this series we will return to this truth: **“The return of Christ is not an Throughout this series we will return to this truth:**

“The return of Christ is not an escape from the mission—it is the motivation for the mission.”

How does the story of Lot deepen your understanding of that statement? How should knowing that this world is temporary change what—and who—we invest our lives in?