



Week 7: Our Place In God's Plan

God established the role of priest in the Old Testament as someone who would stand before Him to represent the people. In Genesis 18:16-33, we see Abraham occupying that role before it was ever established as He pleads with God for the city of Sodom. All of this points us to Jesus as our Great High Priest, His role in our redemption, and our role in God's plan to represent Jesus and be a people of prayer pleading for the salvation of others.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Genesis 18:16-33.**
2. Why do you think God chose to reveal his plans for Sodom and Gomorrah to Abraham? What does this reveal to us about Abraham's relationship with God? What does this reveal about our relationship with God, particularly regarding His plan of redemption?
3. What is the significance of God hearing the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah? How does God coming to personally investigate depict His justice and mercy? How do you reconcile the justice of God with the mercy of God?
4. Why do you think Abraham approached God to intercede for the city? How much of your prayer life involves interceding for the salvation of others?
5. Discuss Abraham's negotiation with God from 50 righteous down to 10. What does this tell us about his character? What do God's responses tell us about His character? As we think about our own culture, what posture should this passage encourage us to take? What can you do to "return to your place" of prayer and trust God with His place of judgement?
6. How does this passage ultimately point us to Jesus and the gospel?