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Intercession

Genesis 18:16–33

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Does the shoe fit?

Priestly calling & covenant obedience

Priests work for justice & righteousness

Exhibit B: Abraham's Intercession

The ever-interceding Great High Priest

Reflection Questions:

Discuss the interlocking truths of sovereignty and human responsibility in the passage (v. 19). How do you hold together God's mercy and his call to obedience? What about this is encouraging? What feels scary?

How does the call to "do righteousness and justice" expand your understanding of Christian morality?

In what ways is New Life a "blessing to the nations"? How can we grow in this? Community groups: are there specific ways you can collectively bless others in your community? How can you work for righteousness and justice?

Who can you intercede for personally? Come up with a doable list and commit to praying for them regularly. Community groups: will you hold each other accountable to do this?

How are you encouraged by Jesus' intercession for you? In what ways does this speak to the issues raised in v. 19?