

Judges 1-21 | Faithful God in an Unfaithful Age

Getting Going

1. Settling in & Opening Prayer
2. Have you ever ignored something small — a car issue, a home repair, a health concern — only to have it become a much bigger problem later? What made you ignore it in the first place?

Digging Deeper

1. Review:
 - a. Thinking about your life, in what ways have you noticed God going before you?
 - b. How has wondering about “the wilderness” changed how you respond to God?
2. Read Judges 2:6-23, summarize the Judges cycle as a group. What does this reveal about the Israelites? About God? (Sin, Suffering, Cry for help, Salvation)
3. The Israelites drifted into complacency and compromise time and again. What did their compromise look like? What did their complacency look like? What might that drift look like for us today? What are we called to do? (For some examples read Romans 8:13, Hebrews 12:1-3, James 1:26-27)
4. In Judges 17-21 a line repeats “In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.” This line explains the moral decline to the point where the Israelites are as wicked as the Sodomites (compare Judges 19 and Genesis 19). Why is it when we choose to do as we see fit that we see such drastic moral decay? How do we see it in our society? Have you seen this in your own life?
5. In their suffering, the Israelites wanted *relief* more than *repentance* and God’s *rescue* without His *rule*? Can you recall times where you can relate? Why?
6. The book of Judges is meant to be read as a tragedy. However, there is hope and grace that appears often in the stories. How do you see the tragedy of Judges pointing to hope, grace, and most importantly pointing to Christ?
7. “Compromise and complacency don’t announce themselves — they creep in quietly.” In what ways have you felt them creep into your life?

Practical Preparation:

1. Pastor Jason gave us 4 application points as to not let the story of Judges become our story. Spend some time thinking through these 4 points. Which of these 4 challenges speaks to you the most, and why?
 - a. Remember what God has done
 - b. Refuse to make peace with sin
 - c. Devote yourself to God’s authority
 - d. Be missional

Parting Prayer

Optional Extra Question - What is the best way to start your day?

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1. Pray that we would not become complacent and compromise with sin and the world, but that we would seek to wholly devote our lives to Christ.
2. Pray that in a world that does what it sees fit, that the good news of Jesus would penetrate hearts and minds, and that we would be ready to share and live out this good news.

Closing verse: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” — *Joshua 24:15*