

# (in)sufficient savior(s)

## Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 2 Judges 3-4 – June 13, 2021

### Helpful Resources for Studying Judges

*Judges for You* by Tim Keller – <http://bit.ly/JudgesForYou>

*The BibleProject Overview of Judges* – <http://bit.ly/OverviewJudges>

*The Book of Judges* by J.D. Greear (RightNow Media) – <http://bit.ly/JudgesByGreear>

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Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you have to use all of the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!



### KNOW:

- Share a time you disobeyed or only partially obeyed an authority in your life and faced unfortunate consequences. What did you learn from that experience?
- Tell the group about a time when you had to learn a lesson the hard way. What lesson did you learn?
- Share about a time in your life when you felt stuck. How did you feel during that time? What got you unstuck and out of that place?
- We all love stories where the main character has the odds stacked against them but prevails in the face of adversity and comes out victorious. What's your favorite underdog movie? Why are these types of movies/stories so memorable?
- Think of a disgraced leader. What were the circumstances surrounding their fall? What flaw in their leadership or events caused them to be disgraced? How did that impact their family and people that followed them?



## GROW:

- Read Judges 3:7-11 as a group. Note the actions of the Israelites and how God responds to each of their actions. How does God respond when they choose evil and forget Him? How does He respond when they cry out to Him?
- Chapter 3, verse 7 says in part, "...the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord..." What had they done? How are we often like the Israelites in our own lives?
- Judges 3:10 tells us that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Othniel and gave him great power. As followers of Jesus Christ, we have this same Spirit living in us. How does the Holy Spirit give us power in our daily lives? (John 14:25-26, Luke 12:12, Romans 8:26-27, Galatians 5:16-17, Romans 8:12-13)
- Chapter 3, verse 15 tells us Ehud was a left-handed man. As a left-hander, he would have been seen as less threatening in a society that valued right-handedness. He may even have been left-handed due to a physical deformity. Read & consider 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 and how it relates to Ehud's perceived weakness. What would scripture say about Ehud's ability to lead versus what the world would say about his leadership capacity?
- As we read about the different judges, we see that God sent them to rescue or save the Israelites from their enemies. How do these judges point us to our all-sufficient Savior, Jesus? In what ways are these judges "insufficient saviors"?
- What does God's choice of judges say about His character and the way He goes about saving His people?



## SHOW:

- In Judges 3:8 we read that Israel forgot the Lord their God. With so many things competing for our attention, how can we keep God as the priority of our lives? Reflect on your own life. How does God show up in your conversations, your priorities, and your attitudes and actions?
- God uses imperfect people to accomplish His purposes. How does this bring comfort to you? How does this challenge our culture's thoughts about who can lead most effectively?
- Think about this statement, "God is more interested in our availability than our capability." Do you really believe that God can and does use anybody to accomplish his purposes?
- How do God's methods contradict the world's standards of strength and ability? What's one thing you could do throughout this next week to remind yourself to see your circumstances from God's perspective?