

(in)sufficient savior(s)

Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 8 Judges 19-21 – July 25, 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:

- Can you think of a time where you had to choose to do the right thing even though it meant hurting someone you love?
- Share about a time where you tried to fix something, but you only made things worse?
- How do you view the violence written in Judges? Overall, it is pretty graphic. What challenges and questions does that raise in you?
- What was something that you learned and had a hard time initially believing it? (9/11, LeBron going to the Lakers, Moon Landing, etc.)
- Describe a time when you were a guest in someone's home and your host insisted you stay despite your attempts to leave? How did it turn out?
- As a kid did you ever spend time at a friend's house where it seemed as if they had no rules or boundaries? What were they able to do that you weren't allowed to do?



GROW:

- There is a lot of violence in the Old Testament. Although we may not understand all the rules and laws (Deuteronomy 13:12-18), how can we reconcile God's justice and His love, trusting that both can be true at the same time? Look at some of these verses for reference: Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 33:5, Psalm 11:7, Isaiah 30:18-19, Isaiah 61:8-9.
- Take turns reading through Judges 19 and then do the same with Genesis 19. The Genesis story is much more familiar, but how similar are these stories? How did God feel about the depravity of the Genesis story? How do you think He felt about what happened in Judges?
- In Judges 19 the Levite demonstrates a shirking of priestly and godly character by allowing the women of the house to be given over to the men of Gibeah. How does the Levite's behavior in this story contrast with Jesus' actions leading to the cross?
- In Judges 20, we see Israel trying to do the right thing and bring justice against the tribe of Benjamin. But their approach was to make their plan first and then ask God about it, rather than wholeheartedly seeking Him from the beginning. Are there times when you tend to do that in your own life? Ask God to show you where you might be running ahead of Him rather than seeking Him first.
- The people of Gibeah were not hospitable to the Levite's group and this highlights the social disintegration of the people of Israel. How do Christians respond today to people in our culture that do what is right in their own eyes?
- As we read these chapters (Judges 19-21), does the Hebrew world look any different from some things we hear on the news today? No matter how the world develops, we will never outgrow our brokenness or our need for a Savior. How does the knowledge of the Gospel and God's sovereignty change how we process things we see on the news?



SHOW:

- Judges 20:35 tells us that "the LORD defeated Benjamin before Israel." It's easy for us to take the credit for the victories in our lives, but if you stop and think for a minute, what is something that God has done recently in your life that you need to pause and thank Him for?
- The book of Judges closes with a common refrain – "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." (Judges 21:25) Since this phrase all too well describes our current culture, what are some final takeaways you want to remember from the book of Judges?
- The Levite was another insufficient savior for the people of Israel. How might you be guilty of acting more like the Levite in your life than the example of Jesus?
- Consider for a final time, the downward cycle that the Israelites were going through. How might you prepare or position yourself to reflect the light and truth of Jesus in your community today?
- Is there any area of your life that currently feels like it's out of control? How can you bring that area of your life back under the lordship of Christ and let Him reign over all areas of your life? How can the D-Group pray for you right now?