

# (in)sufficient savior(s)

## Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 3 Judges 4-5 – June 20, 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 movie you've seen where you saw the end coming, but then there was still a plot twist at the end you didn't expect?
- Was there a time where God used someone you would have never expected to accomplish something in your life?
- Tell the D-Group about a situation where you had no idea how things could possibly work out and then God did something that exceeded what you could have imagined?
- Share about a time you were asked to do something that required courage. Were you able to rise to the challenge? If so, how did you find the courage you needed?
- This week we celebrate Father's Day. Some of us had great fathers who loved us well and were models for us to emulate. Others of us didn't know our fathers or were hurt by them. Take a minute and share about your relationship with your own father. How has God used this relationship to shape you?



## GROW:

- Read Judges 4. As a group, can you identify verses that highlight the cycle of the Israelites in this chapter? Why do you think the people continued to fall away from God after the death of a judge?
- Sometimes the circumstances we are facing seem overwhelming and our faith grows weary. What does this story in Judges 4, and the actions of Deborah, Barak, and Jael teach you about how our faith impacts our actions?
- Read Judges 4:4-9. In this portion of the story, Deborah relays God's command to Barak. He replies that he will only follow these orders if she goes with him. How does Deborah respond to Barak? Now read Hebrews 11:32-33. Here we see that Barak is mentioned as one who had great faith. Does this surprise you? What can we learn about God from this passage?
- In the book *Judges for You*, Tim Keller says that of all the judges, Deborah is the one who comes closest to "being a good leader of the people, instead of simply a general... in this sense [she is] the greatest pointer to the monarchy and even the Christ". In what ways do we see Deborah displaying good leadership?
- What does this story show you about the character of God? List out some of the character qualities of God that you need to see and feel in your life right now. If you need to, google a list of God's character qualities for reference.
- After the prophesied death of Sisera was completed, Deborah responded with a song remembering what God had accomplished. Why is it important to worship together and remember in community the victories of the Lord?



## SHOW:

- Deborah used a song to worship and remember the victory of God over the enemies of Israel. What is a way you can remember and celebrate the victories of God in your own life?
- Share about a hard season you may be going through right now. How can your D-Group walk with you right now?
- Think of someone in your life who might feel like they don't have the potential to make an impact for the kingdom. How could you encourage them this week?
- In this story, we see God's sovereignty as He places the right people in the right places in the right time to accomplish His purposes. How does knowing that God is sovereignly in control of all things give you confidence to face your current challenges?
- Judges 5 is the song of Deborah and Barak as they are celebrating what the Lord has done for them. Spend time together praising God for the ways He has delivered, provided and cared for you. Pray for one another that you will have courage to trust Him more.