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Sermon Discussion Curriculum – Week 4 Judges 10-12 – June 27, 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:

- We all have had seasons in our life that we might characterize as a “rut”. Tell the group about a time that you felt you were in one of those seasons. What did it look like? What was going on around you? What were the elements that made you feel stuck?
- What is one thing that you’ve learned from this series so far that has encouraged you or challenged you in your walk with Christ?
- Share about a time you grew impatient with a situation brought about by someone’s bad choices. Maybe it was a friend, a child, or even yourself? What was it about that situation that was so frustrating to you personally?
- Jim Rohn has famously said, “You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with.” Who are your top influencers? How might they influence your life?
- Have you ever made a promise to someone that you almost immediately regretted? What was the promise? Did you follow through with it?



GROW:

- Read chapters 10-12 of Judges out loud as a group. As you read, make notes of the continuing downward cycle that the Israelites found themselves in. (Some of these names and cities can be hard to pronounce. Pro tip: Say the name quickly and with confidence and no one will question you 😊).
- As you read this story, what stands out to you about the character of God? How about the character of the Israelites? How is this story of Jephthah similar to the other stories of Judges? How is it different?
- Jephthah's tragic vow and promise ended in the sacrificing of his only daughter. Compare this story to the gospel story (the sacrifice of Christ given by the Father). What similarities and differences do you see?
- According to Judges 10:10-16, God became impatient with Israel. What does this tell us about God's heart and character?
- In Romans 5:20 Paul proclaims, "where sin increased, grace increased all the more." How do we see this truth at work in Judges and how does it assure you of God's love?
- Read Judges 11:29-40. Why was Jephthah's vow foolish? Based on your knowledge of God's grace, how could Jephthah have responded differently in this situation?
- Thinking about Jephthah's vow, we yet again see the imperfect character of the judges. Have you ever made a promise to God to receive his favor? What was the situation? How did it work for you?



SHOW:

- Each time we see the downward cycle of the Israelites, we see them being influenced by the outside culture and taking on more practices of the foreign religions. In Jephthah's case, human sacrifice. As you examine your own life, what have you compromised and began to see as normal practice that is clearly outside of God's plans?
- Is there a lie in our culture that you are choosing to believe that you need to stop believing? Pray for one another and ask God to breathe fresh life into your heart and bring about new rhythms of praise.
- What is one step of obedience that you could take this week that will begin to cultivate your relationship with God? Could you pray with your spouse this week? Read a psalm before dinner? Memorize a verse?
- A lack of devotion to God can cause us to misunderstand God's character. As a result, it's easy to turn to worldly solutions to our problems—just as Jephthah's vow and Israel's civil war suggests. What are some ways we turn to the world around us to solve our problems instead of looking to God?
- James 5:16 tells us to confess our sins to one another and pray for one another. Why is it important to not only confess our sins to God, but also to each other? How can we as a D-group make this a safer place to open up and confess our sins to one another?