

GROWTH GROUP CURRICULUM

APRIL 21, 2024

JUDGES

DESPICABLE PEOPLE DOING DEPLORABLE THINGS

Judges 2:1-3; 8-19; 3:5-11

QUICK REVIEW

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?

 2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?
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MY STORY

1. Can you think of times in your life when you have been brave because of your faith?

 2. When do you find it hardest to follow God's commands instead of your own "common sense." Why?
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DIGGING DEEPER

1. Think back to this past Sunday's sermon; read Judges 1:1-2:5. What major themes of the Book of Judges can you identify in this early section?

2. Read Judges 1:19-35. Though beginning well (1:1-18), the Israelites eventually fail to drive out the Canaanites. See if your group can list all the reasons given (or hinted at) in the text for why various tribes failed to do so.

3. Read Judges 2:1-3. How does God assess the reasons for the Israelites' failure to drive out the Canaanites?
 - a. In verse 2, what does he say was the real purpose of the campaign?

 - b. In light of Joshua 1 and 23, why do the reasons given in verses 19-36 constitute not just military failure but spiritual unfaithfulness?

4. Compare Judges 2:7-10 with Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-23. In what ways may one generation fail to pass its faith on to the next generation?
 - a. Did you have Christian parents? What was your experience?

TAKING IT HOME

Read Judges 2:3. God says that the Canaanites allowed to stay will now become “thorns” and “snares”. What things have you allowed to stay in your life that should be expelled? How do they become snares?