

The Lesson of Judges: a Quick Review

Judges 2:16-19

Homework

Getting Started

Get acquainted with everyone who might be new to your group. Take time to connect and develop a list of members and their contact information.

Going Deeper (Read Judges 2:16-19)

1. What phrase best describes the book of Judges to you and why?
 - The wild west with no sheriff in town
 - No rules football
 - Fatal attraction
 - You reap what you sow
 - Other:
2. Why was the next generation vulnerable to the moral and spiritual compromise and confusion that characterized the period of the Judges? **(2:10)**
3. Can this same scenario happen to America if we do not pass along our history rooted in our founding father's faith in God? **(2:12)**
4. What secret did Paul teach in 2 Timothy 2:2 that will help American Christians from falling into the downfall described in Judges?
5. Why is it a tendency for new generations to devalue what they didn't fight to gain?
6. In what ways and in what terms did God warn His people in advance about serving foreign gods? (Deuteronomy 8:19-20; 28:16-18)
7. What method of discipline did God use to remind His people Israel that they had forsaken Him? **(2:14-15)** Do you think that God uses the same method on nations today?
8. When God disciplines us for our ungodliness today what is His intent? (Hebrews 12:10)

9. Why did God rescue Israel during the period of the Judges? **(2:18)**

10. What does this say about God's character?

11. What is discipline designed to build into our lives? (Hebrews 12:11-12)

12. God raised up judges to deliver Israel from their oppressors but what did they do when they recovered their freedom? **(2:16-17)**
 - a. What does this say about human nature?

 - b. What does this say about the need for spiritual leadership?

 - c. What does this say about the need for community groups where accountability is a priority?

13. How should they have responded to being freed?

14. In what ways are Christians like Israel during the period of the Judges?

Getting Together

Pray audibly for one another's needs, realizing that this is part of being in fellowship with God and one another.