

Judges Week 1: Small Group Discussion Questions

- 1) Many people struggle with the book of Judges; God commands “Though shalt not kill”, and yet he instructs the Israelites to wipe out entire cities. Discuss your feelings on this. Is it hard to stomach? How can you reconcile the two? Was God just in his command to wipe out the Canaanites? Does something have to be palatable to be just?

- 2) Why do you think the entire second generation did not know God, even though they surely had been taught about Him?

- 3) We talked about how the Israelites claimed “We *could* not” while God replied “You *would* not”. What areas of your life are you claiming “I can’t” when the truth is really “I won’t”?

- 4) Like the Israelites, we are surrounded by a culture that tries to pull us away from worshipping the one true God. What false gods are in the culture around you that if left unchecked could pull you from wholehearted pursuit of God?

- 5) If time allows, discuss your answers to the 2 application questions at the end of the homework.