

Judges Week 2: Small Group Discussion Questions

1). Was there anything in the homework or teaching that you have questions about or that stood out? Discuss these with your group.

2) We see the Israelites falling into the same cycle of turning from God every time their Judge dies. Why is this? Why do they continue to turn away from God as soon as each cycle ends? Do we do the same thing when left to our own devices?

3) Many people struggle with the actions of Ehud and Jael because they lied and killed. How do you feel about this? Does it make the book of Judges difficult for you to read? How would the Israelites have felt about their actions?

4) Do you typically think the Bible portrays women in a good light or negative light? How does the account of Deborah show us that God is pro-woman?

5) Ehud was an unlikely choice for a Judge in the eyes of the Israelites because of his left-handedness, or likely disabled right hand. Shamgar did not have the expected equipment or weapons, God used him to deliver the Israelites using only a farming tool. Deborah was a woman, making her a very unlikely choice in the eyes of the Israelites. What is the thing in your life that causes you to doubt that God would use you? What is your "left-handedness"? What is God calling you to do anyway?

6). In chapter 4 we heard what the people did. The word "Lord" is only mentioned a few times. In chapter 5 we heard in detail how the Lord was behind everything that happened. Both are important! Do you look at your own life with both of these lenses? What you and the people around you are doing, and then also what God is doing in and through it all? Why or why not? How would doing this change you?