

# Judges

The following questions are for group discussion. The discussion should aim to help participants think through the lesson and its application both personally and in the church.

1. Read Judges 2:1-2. The applicational purpose of the book was stated as follows: To highlight God's gracious steadfast love and appeal to His covenant people to abandon all forms of pagan influence and cling to YHWH as their King. Though we are not Israel and America is not the promised land, how can we apply this principle in our lives? What are some types of idolatry that surround us? How might we partner with the world in such a way that we would be drawn away from Christ? What resulted in Israel's failure to turn from the surrounding idols of the land?
2. A very clear cycle of sin is repeated in Judges. What are the 5 steps: (1) 2:11-13, (2) 2:14, (3) 2:15c, 2:18c, 3:9a, (4) 2:16, (5) 2:17. What are some of the key principles that we should take away from this repeated paradigm? Are these principles still relevant today and to us? How might we apply these principles in our own lives?
3. What motivated the people of Israel to abandon the Lord? What might be the motivation that tempts us to embrace the idols of our world? Where is Christ in our application?
4. Violence and gross immorality characterized much of this period. How does this relate to the abandoning God? How are we desensitized and demoralized in our land? What might we do to fight this influence?
5. How many generations did it take for Israel as a nation to move from faith to folly (Joshua 24:15-16; Judges 2:6, 10-13)? How might we avoid falling into the same error?
6. Read the last sentence in the book of Judges (21:25). How is this a fitting climax and summary of the whole book? What principles from this statement can we immediately apply in our own lives? What is the remedy? Where is Christ in our application?